

## FROM THE JAPANESE EDITOR

I AM TAKING this opportunity on behalf of Japanese scientists and engineers in the field of heat and mass transfer to lament the death of Professor A. V. Luikov, the Director of the Institute of Heat and Mass Transfer in Minsk. The extremely sad news of Professor Luikov's death is something that I can still hardly believe. It is impossible to put into words how I feel, but you know the many things I would say. One does not have to know him personally to realize how much he will be missed and mourned in the field of heat and mass transfer, for which he did so much.

Luikov's scientific activities were extensive and his successful works include the urgent problem of modern thermal physics, heat and mass transfer theory, transfer phenomena in porous mediums, the kinetics of drying and many others. It must also be noted that he was the responsible organizer and scientific director of All-Union Conference on Heat and Mass Transfer as well as being one of the major architects of the International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer.

Last year we eagerly looked forward to meeting Professor Luikov at the 5th International Heat Transfer Conference held in Tokyo, Japan and planned to ask

him an unimitable and dignified lecture, particularly for the young Japanese researchers to get a future vision in the heat and mass transfer field. In Japan he is well known not only through his many original and instructive papers in this Journal, but also by his books entitled "Theory of Energy and Mass Transfer", "Theory of Heat and Mass Transfer" and others, which are very popular among scientists and engineers and useful to students.

He gave remarkable influence to any one who came into contact with him in any way. His influence was not only felt because of his successful works in the field of heat and mass transfer, but also because of his concern for people, especially his pupils who will never forget his brilliant and captivating lectures.

My deepest sympathy goes to him in these few lines, which is a very weak expression of all that I am thinking.

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