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THE ACADEMICIAN V. V. RUMYANTSEV SEMINAR (History and Outlook)[☆]

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A seminar on analytical mechanics and stability theory at the M. V. Lomonosov Moscow State University (MGU) was organized by Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences N. G. Chetayev at the beginning of the 1950s as a post-graduate seminar, but soon became, essentially, a scientific seminar for the whole city. After Chetayev passed away, the seminar was directed for almost half a century by Valentin Vital'evich Rumyantsev. Under his direction, the seminar became All-Union in character (from 1992 onwards, All-Russian) with international participation.

In September 2007, the analytical mechanics and stability theory seminar at the MGU continued its work under the direction of Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences V. V. Beletskii and Professor A. V. Karapetyan. The first meeting was held on 26 September and was dedicated to the memory of Academician V. V. Rumyantsev. At this meeting, A. V. Karapetyan delivered a paper on Rumyantsev's life, research and teaching activity. Memories of Rumyantsev were recalled by the Vice-President of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Academician V. V. Kozlov, by the Head of the Department of Mechanics of the Mechanics and Mathematics Faculty of the MGU, Academician G. G. Chernyi, by Academician V. F. Zhuravlev and by Rumyantsev's friends, colleagues and students. At this meeting, the decision was taken to call the seminar the Rumyantsev seminar.

From October 2007 to May 2008, 24 papers were presented at the Rumyantsev Seminar, including papers from Academician V. V. Kozlov, Corresponding Members of the Russian Academy of Sciences V. V. Beletskii and D. V. Treshchev, Professors Yu. F. Golubev, A. V. Karapetyan, V. M. Morozov and Ya. V. Tatarinov (MGU), M. A. Vashkov'yak, V. V. Ivashkin and V. V. Sazonov (the M. V. Keldysh Institute of Applied Mathematics (IPM) of the Russian Academy of Sciences), A. S. Andreyev (Ul'yanovsk State University (UIGU)), I. I. Kosenko (MGU), V. I. Matyukhin (the V. A. Trapeznikov Institute of Control Systems (IPU) of the Russian Academy of Sciences), Ya. Ye. Slavyanovskii (the IFPT of the Polish Academy of Sciences) and S. Ya. Stepanov (the A. A. Dorodnitsyn Computing Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences).

Furthermore, on 17–19 June 2008, the first outreach session of the Rumyantsev Seminar was held at Ul'yanovsk State University, organized by the Head of the Department of Mechanics and Control Theory of the UlGU, Professor A. S. Andreyev and Professor of the MGU A. V. Karapetyan. Review papers were presented by A. S. Andreyev, A. V. Karapetyan and the Dean of the Department of Applied Mathematics of the Moscow State Aviation Institute, Professor P. S. Krasil'nikov, and scientific reports were given by young scientists of the MGU and UlGU. The decision was taken that such outreach sessions of the Rumyantsev Seminar would be held regularly.

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