

## KONSTANTIN IVANOVICH STRAKHOVICH

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On November 21, 1968, the activities of Soviet science and engineering suffered a great loss in the death, in the 65th year of his life, of Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor Konstantin Ivanovich Strakhovich, an outstanding scientist, a great engineer, and a brilliant teacher.

He was a particularly unique scientist. First of all, he was active in a wide range of scientific problems: more than a hundred of his theoretical investigations and major monographs are devoted to hydrodynamics and gas dynamics, theoretical mechanics, ballistics, the theory of elasticity, thermodynamics, heat transfer, and magneto-gas dynamics.

He was a master of mathematics, and his extensive encyclopedic knowledge, phenomenal memory, and multifaceted gift enabled him to become an outstanding theoretician. At the same time, Strakhovich's work serves as a remarkable example for the convergence of theory and practice, which is a characteristic index of advanced Soviet science. Throughout his many years of activity, Strakhovich was always associated with various plants and factories (for example, the V. I. Lenin Nevskii Machine-Building Plant, the Metal Plant, the Kirov Factory), and he was the science head for departments and groups of numerous scientific institutions.

Strakhovich was active as a teacher in numerous institutes, in particular, at the M. I. Kalinin Polytechnic Institute, the A. A. Zhdanov Leningrad University, and at the Leningrad Institute of the Refrigeration Industry. He was a brilliant speaker. For 40 years he taught thousands of engineers, scores of candidates and doctors of science, in addition to the group of the leading specialists in domestic compressor construction.

Strakhovich participated actively in the work of several scientific journals, in particular, over a period of many years he was one of the main reviewers of the journal of "Inzhenerno-Fizicheskii Zhurnal."

Strakhovich was a wonderful individual, always in good spirits, full of the enjoyment of life, absolutely honest, and just. He was loved by all, and he was easy to work with, and moreover, it was a pleasure to be

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able to work with him. He has left his permanent mark on the life of the nation, in science and in engineering, and in the hearts of the many people who preserve his bright memory to the end of their days.