

IN MEMORIAM

Guri Tsagareishvili (1934–1998)

This issue of *Journal of Solid State Chemistry*, reporting boron chemistry presented at ISBB'99 in Dinard, France, 5–10 September 2000, is dedicated to the memory of Professor Guri Tsagareishvili. Corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of Georgia, he was an outstanding scientist who worked on problems of boron, its preparation, and its properties since 1960. He was the founder and the Head of the Laboratory of Boron, its Alloys and Compounds at the Institute of Metallurgy at Tbilisi. In 1972 Guri Tsagareishvili defended his doctoral dissertation and took his honorable place among the scientists of the field of materials sciences. Professor Tsagareishvili broadened the sphere of his scientific interests to embrace cardinal questions of solid state physics and inorganic chemistry, focusing on boron. He created interesting models and theories for the interpretation of the properties of boron. Fourteen theses were defended under his supervision.

The results of the scientific activities of Professor Guri Tsagareishvili are highlighted in 150 scientific papers, 6 USSR patents, and 4 monographs. He was honored by awards of the Georgian Academy of Sciences (1980 and 1994) for the monographs "Semiconductor Boron" (Moscow, Nauka, 1978) and "Investigations in the Area of Thermodynamics in Crystals."

In 1975 he was elected as a member of the International Scientific Committee of the regular conferences devoted to solid-state boron chemistry. In 1972 and 1984 Guri Tsagareishvili, as the Vice-President, hosted these conferences in Tbilisi.

Guri Tsagareishvili's activities were not limited to research. He was a professor at the Georgian Polytechnical University where he taught a course in materials science. He was not only an excellent scientist but also distinguished for his ability to love and comfort people. He knew how to deal with people and that is why his passing is a great loss not only for the scientific society but also for all who ever knew him.

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