

## **IGOR ALEKSEEVICH USHAKOV**

Igor Alekseevich Ushakov, who died on the 28th of February, 2015 after a serious disease in San Diego (USA), was a prominent scientist and talented science organizer. He was talented in everything: he authored a lot of scientific papers, books, textbooks, verses, fiction, essays. He loved life, was a many-sided, charming, smart, and friendly person, who was liked by women. He was manly and endured many illnesses bravely.

Professor I.A. Ushakov and the reliability theory are united. His name was associated with several decades of development of the reliability theory. He established and for many years headed a reliability workshop at the Moscow Polytechnic Museum. In the 90-s of the XX century he edited the renowned Reliability Reference Book that still remains an everyday guide for experts. Professor I.A. Ushakov is the author of many publications in the area of the reliability theory of complex systems, optimum redundancy, systems reliability modelling with the help of Markov and semi-Markov random processes, structural redundancy etc.

We have lost a man who appreciated life, who although being seriously ill created the Gnedenko Forum that united scientists from various countries, who organized an international electronic journal in the field of reliability "Reliability: Theory & Applications", who worked, wrote and published scientific books and articles till his last breath.

Igor Alekseevich Ushakov will stay in our memory as an exhaustive toiler, like mind, creator and real scientist.

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