

**Dear colleagues,**

The COVID-19 pandemic, the greatest disease of our time that has afflicted the entire world, has also taken its toll on the Editorial Board of the Dependability Journal. On July 18, 2021, it took the life of our colleague, friend, the Journals' Executive Editor Dr. Alexey Zamyshliaev. He was only 41. Alexey's family, friends and colleagues were stunned by his sudden demise. It is hard to conceive that this life-loving, intelligent, kind man is no longer with us. We lost a wonderful man, a friend always ready to help anyone around. He was always respectful and receptive to the advice of his mentors. He was the prop and stay of his family, a support for the people around. He took great care of his mother's health and well-being. He encompassed his spouse and children with great care and attention. He loved life and was loved by everyone who lived and worked by his side.

Alexey was a talented scientist. He became Doctor of Engineering at the age of 34. He authored a great number of publications, research papers and books. He devoted a lot of time to the development of the Dependability Journal, its promotion abroad. He was a member of the Asset Management Working Group of the International Union of Railways. A great organiser, he managed to unite hundreds of researchers and experts into a single, tightly-welded team capable of solving the problems associated with the deployment of advanced digital technology in railway transportation, including computer simulation, intelligent control and management systems, AI-based physical railway asset management systems, etc.

Alexey will be always remembered by the managers and employees of the Russian Railways as a brilliant expert who solved complex problems of railway transportation management. He led the design and develop-



ment of a number of systems that now help manage traffic safety, technical assets and in-station processes. Under his leadership, the railways' essential information systems were created: JSC RZD's Automated System for Station Technological Instructions Management (AS TRA), Automated Traffic Safety Management System (AS RB), Integrated Automated System for Tracking, Supervision and Elimination of Technical Failures and Dependability Analysis (KAS-ANT), Integrated Automated System for Recording, Investigation and Analysis of Process Violations (KASAT), Single Corporate Platform for Management of Resources, Risks and Dependability (URRAN), Automated Management System of JSC RZD Situation Centre and many others.

He passed away full of ideas and plans. He wanted to bring the knowledge and experience he had accumulated to the railways of other countries, as well as to related industries. He planned to teach students. He loved to live an interesting, colourful and active life. He loved his family and his life.

*He will always be missed by all of us who were his friends, colleagues and acquaintances.*

*The memory of Alexey Zamyshliaev will always dwell with us.*

*Editorial Board, Dependability Journal*