On April 20, 2018 prof. Yevgeny Alekseyevich Luzhnikov passed away. He was the Doctor of Medicine, member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation, laureate of the State Prize of the USSR and prizes of the Government of the Russian Federation and the Moscow Administration.

Y.A. Luzhnikov was born on September 27, 1934 in Moscow. In 1960, he graduated from the N.I. Pirogov Second Moscow Medical Institute. In 1959, he also graduated from the Moscow State Pedagogic Institute of Foreign Languages. He began his career as a doctor at the Emergency and Urgent Care Station in Moscow. He had been the head of the Department for Acute Poisonings Treatment of the N.V. Sklifosovsky Research Institute for Emergency Medicine since 1967. In 1972-2014 he was the research manager of this department. In 1970, he was appointed to head of the Republican Center for Treatment of Acute Poisonings and the chief therapist and toxicologist of the Ministry of Health of the RSFSR. The result of organizational activities of Y.A. Luzhnikov was the creation of a toxicological service in our country, which has more than 40 toxicological treatment and information centers and has no analogues in the world. This allowed the results of treatment of acute poisoning in Russia to be significantly improved.


In 1993, Yevgeny Alekseyevich was elected a corresponding member, and in 2004 as a full member (academician) of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, in 2015 he became a full member (academician) of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Yevgeny Alekseyevich is the author of about 800 scientific works, including more than 30 monographs, manuals, reference books and more than 35 inventions. He was also the editor-in-chief of the National Manual "Medical Toxicology" (2012) and prepared 25 doctors and 48 candidates of science for thesis defence.

Academician Y.A. Luzhnikov created a large domestic school of urgent clinical toxicology, which became one of the first and most authoritative ones, uniting about 150 scientists. It is characterized by the thorough study of the most important diagnostic and therapeutic trends in modern clinical toxicology.

Y.A. Luzhnikov gave much attention to scientific social work. For a number of years he was the chairman of the profile problem commissions at the Scientific Council of N.V. Sklifosovsky Research Institute for Emergency Medicine, RAMS and the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, the editor-in-chief of the editorial department of Clinical Toxicology of the Great Medical Encyclopedia, the member of the editorial boards of several journals, actively participated in the work of national and foreign toxicologists, anaesthesiologists and resuscitators. He was one of the founders of the Interregional Public Charity Organization "Association of Clinical Toxicologists of Russia" and its first president.

Y.A. Luzhnikov was awarded the Order of Friendship of People and the Medal for Services to National Health for success in medical science and training of scientific personnel.

Doctor Luzhnikov gave much time to the teaching activity. For 30 years, from 1986 to 2016, he had been in charge of the first in the country Department of Clinical Toxicology of the Russian Medical Academy of Continuing
Vocational Education, which trained many thousands of specialists. Under his leadership, first training programs on clinical toxicology were developed, a large number of methodological materials were prepared, hundreds of post-graduate students, residents and toxicology doctors were trained. Academician Y.A. Luzhnikov was the author of the first in our country manual "Clinical Toxicology" for medical universities. For that, he was awarded the RF Government Prize.

The strong enthusiasm for literary creativity — prose, and especially poetry, complements the image of this highly gifted person.

The editorial staff and the staff of the Institute grieve over the heavy loss and express condolences to the relatives and friends of Yevgeny Alekseyevich. We lost the great Teacher, outstanding scientist, talented leader, sensitive and sympathetic, life-loving person who devoted himself entirely to work and followers. The memory of Yevgeny Alekseyevich Luzhnikov will remain in our hearts for a long time.