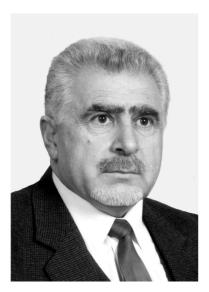
## VLADIMIR S. SARGSYAN

Vladimir S. Sargsyan, an Academician of the NAS RA, doctor of mathematical sciences, professor, a leading specialist in Mechanics of deformable solids, passed away on January 03, 2013.

Vladimir Sargsyan was born on June 25, 1935 in Djugha (Nakhichevan). In 1957 he graduated from the Yerevan State University, Department of Physics and Mathematics, the section of Mechanics.



He started to work on his Ph.D. Thesis under the supervision of Academician Nagush Harutyunyan at the Chair of Mechanics in 1959. He continued his research in Moscow State University and has defended his Ph.D. Thesis in 1962. Later in 1972 he is defending his doctoral Thesis at the Kazan state University. Since 1972 and until the last day he was working at the Yerevan State University. He was a distinguished Teacher and a skillfull organizer of Higher Education. He devoted most of his scientific life to teaching activities. He began his lecturing in Alma Mater in 1957, he became a professor in 1973 and headed the Chair of Mechanics since 1978. He was the first Dean of Department of Mechanics, founded in 1988 on the basis of Mechanics section and laboratories. He was YSU vice-rector on Scientific Affairs for 1990-1992.

V. Sargsyan has authored more then 300 scientific articles published in many high-impact international Journals and 7 monographs, but he was truly proud with his 12 Textbooks and Scientific Manuals on Mechanics he has published in Armenian and which were intended to make more effective the education process of young Mechanics.

In 1986 V. Sargsyan became a corresponding member and in 1996 was elected an Academician of NAS RA. He has served as an Acting Academic-Secretary of the Department of MITS of NAS RA and as a member of the Presidium of NAS RA (1993–1994). He was President of the National Committee of the Theoretical and Applied Mechanics of Armenia (1993–2006).

V. Sargsyan has lectured in Universities of Prague, Bratislava, Budapest, Berlin, Warsaw, Rostok, Mansoury, Allepo, Latacia etc. He has supervised a large number of mechanics students, 60 of them got their Ph.D. and 7–Doctor degree in Mechanics. Among them are many scientists from Poland and Slovakia, Viet-Nam and Uzbekistan, Syria and Egypt.

His pedagogical and scientific services were highly appreciated and in 1981 he was awarded the title of the Honory Worker of Science of Armenia.

He was also awarded with

- Anania Shirakatsi Medal in 1999 for his profound contributions in Science and Education;
  - Gold Medal after Komenski (Bratislava University);
  - Mansoura University Medal (Egypt);
  - Memorial Medal "Moscow State University 250";
  - "Achievment" of the Presidium of NAS RA;
  - Gold Medal "Yerevan State University 90".

V. Sargsyan was an academician of the Engineering Academy of Armenia, foreign member of Academy of the Slovakian Academy of Engineering Sciences, corr.-member of "Ararat" International Academy (Paris), member of National Committee of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics of Russian Academy of Sciences, member of National Committee of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics of Armenia, expert of International Association of interaction with scientists of former USSR, member of the International Society for structural and multidisciplinary optimization, Member of European Mechanics Society, member of the editorial board of the "Proceedings of Yerevan State University", foreign member of editorial board of "Mechanics and Mathematics" journal (Ukraine).

We will always remember Vladimir Sargsyan as a citizen, prominent mechanics and distinguished teacher, and bright memories on him will always remain in our hearts.

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