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### **In memoriam**

**YEVGENY VASILYEVICH KOPOSOV**  
(1952 - 2013)



On 9 October 2013 it would have been 61 to Yevgeny Vasilyevich Kopusov, corresponding member of RAABS (Russian Academy of Architecture and Building Science), Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor, Head of the International UNESCO Chair “Environmentally Safe Development of a Large Region - the Volga Basin”, Rector of the Nizhny Novgorod State Architectural and Construction University (NNSACU).

But unfortunately, 31 July will forever be a sad day in the history of our institution. That day happened to be a terrible accident that claimed the lives of the Rector of NNSACU Yevgeny Vasilyevich Kopusov and his wife Olga Nikolayevna Kopusova.

Yevgeny Vasilyevich Kopusov was known as a highly qualified specialist and scientist in the field of water resources, geo-ecology, engineering, ecology and environmental protection. Having finished the Kazan State University in 1976, Y. V. Kopusov went from engineer to the main hydro-geologists of geological party and then expedition. In 1984 he defended his thesis for obtaining the scientific degree of candidate of geological-mineralogical sciences, and in 2000 – dissertation of Doctor of Technical Sciences. Since 1994 he worked in the NNSACU as a director of interdepartmental scientific and production centre, a deputy head of the Department of scientific research, a deputy vice-president for the scientific work, a vice-president for development, on 28 March 2006 he became a rector of the NNSACU. At the same time he was carrying out educational and scientific-methodical work. In 2008 he graduated from the Academy of National Economy under the Government of the Russian Federation, the MVA program “Real Estate Management”, received the qualification of “Master of business administration.”

Regardless of the high occupancy at the position of a rector, Professor Y. V. Koposov actively led the scientific activity - he was the leader of the scientific-pedagogical schools of the NNSACU: "Ecological Security of the Region" and "Restoration and Preservation of Cultural and Historical Heritage in the Basins of Major Rivers". Under his leadership, based on the tasks of the Ministry of Defence of Russia, and also by grants of the RFFR (Russian Fund of Fundamental Research) the great fundamental scientific-research projects were carried out in the field of environmental security of urbanized territories.

For high achievements in science and education Professor Y.V. Koposov was vouchsafed honorary titles and awards: Medal Chest "Honorary worker of higher professional education of the Russian Federation" (2006); Premium Laureate of Nizhny Novgorod in ecology (2009); Honorary Medal Laureate "Environmental Shield of Russia" (2010); Laureate of the premium of the Russian Federation in the field of education (2010); Honorary sign "Scientist of the Year" by the results of the competition "100 best organizations in Russia. Science. Innovations. Scientific development" (2010); Honorary sign "Rector of the Year" by the results of the contest "100 Best Russian Higher Education Institutions" (2012).

In 2011, for the contribution of the NNSACU to the international cooperation in the conservation and restoration of water resources, for the many years of successful organization and implementation of the international congress Scientific and Industrial Forum "Major Rivers", Yevgeny Vasilyevich was vouchsafed Gold Medal of the 13th International Symposium on Water (Kahn, France). On 20 April 2012 at the Research Council of the Department of Construction Sciences of the Russian Academy of Architecture and Building Sciences (RAABS), by the results of an open competition, the NNSACU Rector, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor Y. V. Koposov was elected a corresponding member of the RAABS for scientific specialty "Conservation and Restoration of Water Resources".

Under the leadership of Professor Y. V. Koposov the NNSACU developed the cooperation with architectural and building higher educational institutions of Russia in the framework of the International Association of the Construction Faculties and Strategic Partnership, which implemented the program of the National Research University on the basis of the MSCU (Moscow State Construction University). The main course was the cooperation of the faculty and academic science. In recent years joint projects have been opened in NNSACU with the state academies of sciences - RAS (Russian Academy of Sciences), RAABS (Russian Academy of Architecture and Building Sciences), RAO and social ones - RANS (Russian Academy of Natural Science), IRAIS (Interregional Academy of Investment Sphere) and others.

Yevgeny Vasilyevich was always paying great attention to the development of international cooperation. He led the International UNESCO Chair "Environmentally Safe Development of a Large Region - the Volga Basin", within which the following research projects have been realized: "The Impact of Cities on the Pollution of the River Waters" (partner - Engler-Bunte Institute of the University of Karlsruhe, Germany), "Integrated Management of Water Resources in the Basins of the Volga River and the Rhine in the Case of Problem Regions" (partners - the Institute of Water Economy and Land Reclamations of the University of Karlsruhe, Germany, Moscow State University of Nature Management).

In September 2012, the NNSACU was visited by representatives of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, director of the Geographical Institute "Jovan Cvijic" PhD Milan Radovanović and Professor Rajko Bukvić, which marked the beginning of cooperation between the Russian and Serbian scientists in the field of scientific research and education. The cooperation is achieved in the following areas and lines of activities: organization and participation in international scientific

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conferences and symposia, organization of research projects, preparation of joint publications in international and national publications, exchange of students, PhD students and aspirants, participation in conferences, preparation and publication of scientific articles and monographs. In the scientific journal “Journal of the Geographical Institute Jovan Cvijić SASA” articles of the NNSACU specialists are published; university representatives took part in the international conference “Natural Disasters - the Link between Science and Practice”, organized by the Geographical Institute “Jovan Cvijić”.

Yevgeny Vasilyevich Kopusov led broad organizational work at the international level. He was a member of the Coordinating Committee for UNESCO activities departments in Russia (since 2007), Honorary Senator of the University of Applied Sciences of Cologne (since 2008), Head of the Association (open strategic partnership) Departments of UNESCO ecological orientation in Russia (since 2010). Since 2006 he was head of the scientific congress of the International Scientific and Industrial Forum “Major Rivers”, which is held every year, since 1999, in Nizhny Novgorod in the territory of the All-Russia Exhibition Centre “Nizhny Novgorod Fair”. The main theme of the forum is “Ecological, Weather and Energy Security”; it is devoted to the problems of sustainable development of the countries and peoples in the basins of major rivers - the centres of world civilization, the creation of new forms of international and inter-regional partnership. At the last forum in May of this year, representatives of the Geographical Institute from Belgrade also took part.

Yevgeny Vasilyevich was a man capable of broadly assess the situation, he had a non-standard thinking and a rare gift to find a common language with people of different professions and ages. Yevgeny Vasilyevich worked a lot, giving all his strength to beloved institution and science. Thanks to his vital energy and commitment to the creative pursuit, positive changes were taking place at the university. Students, remembering Yevgeny Vasilyevich, thank him for having opened to them new opportunities and giving huge field for creativity and self-expression. Collective of the NNSACU will continue works he began.

The more time passes since the tragic death of Yevgeny Vasilyevich, the greater seems his personality. Yevgeny Vasilyevich left memories of himself that will live in the hearts of all who knew him..

May he rest in peace!

Yuri Vladimirovich Filipov