

## ANNIVERSARIES AND MEMORABLE DATES

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### CONGRATULATIONS

to Doctor of Technical Sciences and Professor  
**ÈDGAR SERAFIMOVICH ARGAL**

**on his 80th birthday**



Having graduated in 1956 from the V. V. Kuibyshev Moscow Civil-Engineering University (now the Moscow State Civil-Engineering University), È. S. Argal has associated his working career with the Gidrospestroekt Institute, where he is currently employed as Assistant Chief Engineer.

The working career of Dr. Argal has been related to the construction of hydrotechnical objects: Bratsk, Krasnoyarsk, Chirkey, Toktogul' (Kirgizia), Andizhan (Uzbekistan), Zeya, Sayano-Shushenskoe, Inguri (Georgia), Boguchany, Bureya, and others for which he has developed designs, and conducted investigations and authors inspection on special construction jobs, including bed stabilization and the creation of anti-filtration and drainage curtains in beds. On these same projects, he has carried out large-scale bench and field investigations.

Mr. Argal defended his candidate dissertation in 1980.

In June 1986, he served for the Gidrospestroekt in Chernobyl, developing technical documentation and conducting author inspection for special construction operations – construction of a clay-concrete "wall-in-the-ground," which should have protected a river from the influx of radiation-contaminated groundwater, and the installation of a reinforced-concrete slab under the reactor for cooling of the power block that had blown-up.

In 1994, Mr. Argal graduated from the Academy of Management in Lower Saxony (Germany), and defended his doctoral dissertation in 2007.

He has been the awarded medals and badges, including the breast badge "Honorable Constructor of Moscow." He has received the following ranks: honorable power engineer of the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation, honorable worker of the fuel-energy complex of the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation, and honorable builder of the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation.

He is an active member of the Academy for Problems of Water-Conservation Sciences (AWS), a member of the Russian National Committee on Large Dams (RusCOLD), Russian Society for Soil Mechanics, Geotechnics, and Foundation Engineering (RSSMGFE), and the Tunnel Association of Russia (TAR), and is a member of the editorial staff, author, and critic of our journal.

Dr. Argal has for many years devoted himself to teaching activity, serving as a professor of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia. He has more than 100 publications, including two monographs and 23 author certificates.

*The editorial office and editorial staff of our journal and RSSMGFE heartily congratulate you Edgar Serafimovich on your anniversary and wish you good health and many years of active scientific and creative ventures.*