

ANNIVERSARIES AND MEMORABLE DATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO

scientific consultant to the UkrGIAP, adviser to the mayor of Dneprodzerzhinsk (Ukraine), and Candidate of Technical Sciences,

SAMUIL GETSELEVICH KUSHNER

on his 85th birthday

On completing courses assigned by the Bridge Faculty at the Dnepropetrovsk Institute of Railroad Transportation Engineers in 1948, Samuil Getselevich designed and built bridges, and directed their construction and restoration on the Pridneprovsk Railroad.

From 1957 through the 1990s, Mr. Kushner headed the construction division and has been chief builder of the Dneprodzerzhinsk Branch of the State Institute of the Nuclear-Power Industry (now UkrGIAP). He is a recognized specialist in theoretical and experimental investigations of problems associated with the analysis and design of beds with respect to deformations, and also in the field of analysis of causes of building deformations and the design of structures under complex geologic-engineering conditions.

He has authored approximately 80 published works, including three monographs. His scientific studies are based on in-depth analysis of existing problems of soil mechanics, and his own theoretical and laboratory studies, as well as broad-scale scientific observations.

His research and developments have found application in the construction of large-scale projects involving the chemical industry of Ukraine and Russia, including: a unique plant near the Port of Odessa, and mineral-fertilizer establishments in Dneprodzerzhinsk ("DneprAZOT"), Gorlovka ("Kontsern Stirol"), Cherepovts, Lipets, etc.

And, while residing in Germany today, Mr. Kushner, as an adviser to the mayor of Dneprodzerzhinsk, is working on preventing a rise in the city's ground-water table, and the negative effects associated with this phenomenon, and on improving the infrastructure and ecology of the city.

His boisterous character, love of life and his profession, the demands that he places on himself and those surrounding him, and, ultimately, unbounded love and attention to people has helped to preserve his high industrious and creative activity. Mr. Kushner has been awarded the N. M. Gersevanov Medal for services rendered in the field.

Dear Samuil Getselevich! The editorial office, editorial staff, and the ROMGGiF heartily congratulate You, our permanent author, on your glorious jubilee, and wish you robust health for years to come, and continued active and fruitful scientific and productive activity!