

## ANNIVERSARY

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### **We congratulate**

Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor,  
Recipient of the State Prize of the USSR,  
Meritorious Builder of Russia, Director of the  
Center for Innovative Technologies in Construction,  
General Director of the Center for Cooperation and Development of  
Education and Scientific Research "Ekspert"

### **MARK YUR'EVICH ABELEV**

on your anniversary.



The editorial office and editorial staff of our journal, and the ROMGGiF congratulate you dear Mark Yur'evich, an authoritative specialist in the field of foundation engineering, including foundations on soft saturated clayey soils, an excellent teacher and organizer of science, and a cheerful, quick-witted, and effervescent person. Your scientific works and developments are known and utilized far beyond the borders of our country. Your usual engineering intuition has led to determination of correct technical solutions in the most complex geotechnical situations. You were one of the first to understand the need of insurance against construction risks in foundation construction, develop an appropriate system, and become chairman of the All-Russian Committee on Construction-Risk Insurance.

You have successfully led large-scale public works as a member of the board of the State Company "Rosavtodor," co-chaired the MosgosEkspertiza overseeing the installation of beds, foundations, and underground structures, where you personally, and under your guidance certified the installation of the foundations for more than 1000 buildings and underground structures under complex soil conditions. You are a member of various specialized councils on the awarding of scientific degrees.

Dear Mark Yur'evich, it is difficult to overestimate your contribution to the preparation and retraining of highly qualified specialists-geotechnicians, who work in various branches of the national economy of Russia and abroad. You have trained more than 60 Candidates and Doctors of Science.

Most dear to us, however, is that you are an author and member of the editorial staff of our journal, and are always active, uncompromising, and benevolent.

May your passions thrive for many years to come, and excite us, your colleagues, friends, and those closest to you, with unpredictability and optimism.