In Memory of Academician Vitaly Lazarevich Ginzburg (October 4, 1916–November 8, 2009)

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World and national science suffered an irretrievable loss. Academician Vitaly Ginzburg, outstanding physicist of the 20th century passed away on November 8, 2009. V.L. Ginzburg started his scientific activity in the middle of 1940s, immediately becoming a leader in many branches of theoretical physics. The disciple and collaborator of our best physicists, academicians and Nobel Prize winners I.E. Tamm and L.D. Landau, he was a member of ten academies in the USA, Great Britain, France etc., and honorable member of other societies. He was decorated by 11 state and foreign orders and honorary medals, and in 2003 together with A.A. Abrikosov and A. Leggett he has become laureate of Nobel Prize in physics for “contribution to development of the theory of superconductivity and superfluidity”.

We are proud that Vitaly Ginzburg for many years was a member of editorial board of the almanac *Artifi-*

cial satellites of the Earth and a member of the editorial board of our journal. Starting from the launch of the first sputnik (October 4, 1957) V.L. Ginzburg was in the Council on Cosmic Research chaired by academician M.V. Keldysh, president of the USSR Academy of Sciences. V.L. Ginzburg permanently supported and propagated astrophysical projects and space missions in the fields of x-ray and gamma-ray astronomy, cosmic ray studies, and radio astronomy. Being a chief editor of *Soviet Physics Uspekhi* journal and member of editorial boards of many other journals, he always found time for reading and reviewing papers for *Cosmic Research*. V.L. Ginzburg was at the head of struggle against dissemination of pseudo science and superstitious beliefs in society. Vitaly Ginzburg will remain forever among the outstanding scientists and public figures of our country.

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