

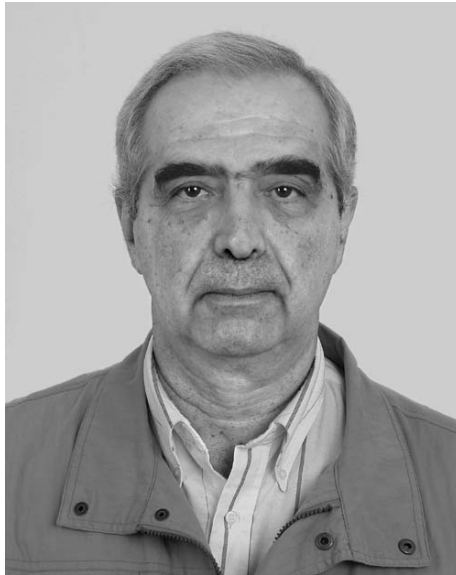
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## OBITUARY

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### **Arik Artavazdovich Melikyan**

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An outstanding scientist in the field of differential games, optimal control, and allied divisions of the theory of differential equations, Head of the Laboratory of Mechanics of Controllable Systems at the Institute for Mechanics Research, Doctor Sc. (Phys. Math.), Professor of the Moscow Physical and Technical Institute, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, winner of the State Prize of the Russian Federation, Foreign Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia, Arik Artavazdovich Melikyan died unexpectedly on April 6, 2009 on the sixty-fifth year of life.

Entire scientific career of Arik Artavazdovich was made at the Institute for Mechanics Research where he passed the way from the junior researcher to the laboratory head. He also was professor at the Moscow Physical and Technical Institute. Colleagues and students knew him not only as a great scientist and excellent instructor, but also as a nice, understanding, and exceptionally benevolent man endowed with optimism and sense of humor, capable of finding issues from difficult situations for himself and others.

A.A. Melikyan was a winner of the State Prize of the Russian Federation in Science and Technology. He authored over 140 publications on the divisions of applied mathematics such as the theory of differential games, optimal control, and theory of the Hamilton–Jacoby equation. His book *Igrovye zadachi upravleniya i poiska* (Game Problems of Control and Search) written in collaboration with F.L. Chernous'ko (Moscow: Nauka, 1978) contributed much to the development of the game approach to a wide range of problems.

Recently Arik Artavazdovich became a member of the Editorial Board of “Avtomatika i telemekhanika” and actively participated in the work of our journal. We will remember him forever.