

Professor Ivan Antipov obituary



The former Second Vice President of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Professor Ivan Antipov, 91, who passed away on Friday, March 23, 2018 at his home in Novosibirsk, Russia had a long educational and scientific career.

At the age of 18 he joined the WW II and fought against Nazi Germany as a soldier. On his return from the war he attended Novosibirsk Institute of Engineers for Geodesy, Aerial Photography and Cartography (NIIGAiK) that he graduated in 1952 and started his career at the Institute as an assistant at the Department of Photogrammetry. From 1954 to 1957 I. Antipov studied at postgraduate courses in Moscow and later defended his Candidate of Technical Science degree. Starting from 1969 he served as an assistant to the head of the Department of Photogrammetry and Deputy Director of NIIGAiK. Then he was offered to become the head of the programming office at the first computer centre organized by the State Geodetic and Cartographic Survey of the USSR.

Under Professor Antipov's leadership the first programs for different geodetic calculations were developed. At that time and for many years analytical photo-triangulation became the main topic of his scientific interest. In 1974 I. Antipov defended his doctorate dissertation, receiving Dr.Sci.Tech. All those years, Professor Ivan Antipov kept high scientific and professional National and International High status. In addition to his high performance as a scientist and manager he had many scientific and personal connections outside Russia. In 1976-1980 Professor Antipov served as the President of International Society for Photogrammetry Commission III, which was the most desirable commission. In 1980, at the Hamburg Congress when ISP turned into ISPRS he was elected as ISPRS Second Vice President. As a member of the ISPRS Council Professor Antipov was one of the authors of the ISPRS Statutes 1984.

From 1977 to 1989 Professor Antipov was the director of Research Institute of Applied Geodesy, in 1989-1992 was sent to his official mission to Cuba where he significantly improved their photogrammetric technologies. Till his last days he served as a Professor at the Department of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing of Siberian State University of Geosystems and Technologies (former NIIGAiK) where he became an Honorary professor.

In addition to his valued scientific stature, his highly respected professionalism and most appreciative managerial knowledge, Professor Antipov had a special, kind, positive, warm personality, and loving nature. He loved his work, his family, Russia and he loved people around him. Due to his special characteristics, in 2006 he was invited to join the ISPRS White Elephant Club, whose members are ISPRS veterans who donate their time and energy for the benefit of the society and young researchers. With no reservation Professor Antipov was the symbol of a WEC member. As a token of appreciation to his scientific status and his sustainable support of ISPRS goals, Professor Antipov was awarded as ISPRS FELLOW in 2010 while celebrating ISPRS' 100th anniversary.

The ISPRS and Siberian State University of Geosystems and Technologies express condolences to Professor Antipov's family, friends, colleagues and numerous disciples.

Those who knew Ivan Timofeevich Antipov will never forget him. May God give him eternal rest.