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On March 15, 2018 professor Ilyin celebrated his 90th birthday.

Professor Ilyin's career saw rapid development. Having graduated with distinction from the Naval Department of the First Leningrad Medical Institute, professor Ilyin joined the Black Sea Navy Fleet as the head of Naval Medical Services at a warship. On his initiative, the first radiological fleet laboratory was set. Later on, professor Ilyin worked as a senior researcher in the medical and biological department of the Naval Scientific Research Institute, subsequently being promoted to the head of radiation protection laboratory. Then he took the position of Deputy Director for Research in the Leningrad Research Institute of Radiation Hygiene. For 40 years (1968–2008) he worked in the Biophysics Institute of the USSR, further on, Russian Health Ministry as its director and head of research. Since 2008, professor Ilyin is the Honorary President of the State Research Center Burnasyan Federal Medical Biophysical Center (FMBA of Russia). For a long time, he ran the National Radiation Protection Committee of the USSR Health Ministry.

Professor Ilyin is an outstanding scholar in radiology, member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Mathematics, Hero of Socialist Labour having numerous awards including the Lenin and USSR Government Prizes, as well as the State prize in Science and Engineering and the Russian Governmental prize.

Professor Ilyin is a leading scientist possessing globally recognised competence in radiation medicine and radiation protection. For many years he was representing our country in the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Atomic Radiation and the International Commission on Radiological Protection. He made a considerable contribution to addressing the remedial challenges associated with the Chernobyl accident.

Professor Ilyin made an incontestable contribution to radiation protection and radiation biology which has been recognized internationally. However, during his entire career a considerable part of his efforts and talents were aimed at addressing various defence challenges, thus, not having been exposed to wide scientific community.

The point considered as a most important by the editorial team of the Radioactive Waste Journal and its readers is professor Ilyin's leadership role in the Biophysics Institute in launching comprehensive efforts covering medical and sanitary aspects of radiation safety in nuclear power, including the safe management of radioactive waste. These efforts enabled the development of USSR and Russian basic framework of regulations based on which the radiation protection of employees and public, as well as in radioactive waste management, has been ensured for many decades. The editorial board and the editorial team of the Radioactive Waste Journal along with all professionals engaged in this field would like to congratulate professor Ilyin on his 90th birthday anniversary expressing our best wishes of for good health, prosperity, family happiness and further creative achievements.

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