

## Mikhail N. Khurs



Sad news was received from Minsk. Mikhail Nikolayevich Khurs, Ph.D. in Sociology, the scientist respected in Russian and Belarusian academic circles, died at the age of 69.

M.N. Khurs was one of the first representatives of factory sociology in Belarus in the 1970s. He became the founder of the well-known in Belarus schools on social planning, social support of the process of developing and implementing the social programs of different levels, public opinion studies, the situations in the spheres of power engineering, housing and communal services, marketing research in the banking sphere.

In 2006 – 2008 M.N. Khurs held the position of Deputy Director on scientific and innovation activity at the Institute of Sociology of NAS of Belarus. At this period he played the key role in organizing collaborative research with ISEDТ RAS. He actively participated in organizing and conducting joint seminars, scientific-practical conferences in Vologda and Minsk, delivered his presentations and reports there, and attached fundamental importance to the development of Belarusian-Russian relations in the context of the post-Soviet states integration prospects. M.N. Khurs was the author of several articles published in ISEDТ RAS journals that were highly appreciated by the readers. Due to the efforts of Mikhail Nikolayevich, his initiatives have been turned into the long-term contractual programmes of cooperation between the Russian Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.

M.N. Khurs was a very sociable person distinguished by his warm attitude toward his academic colleagues, sincere kindness and optimism. The memory of M.N. Khurs will remain with all his friends and colleagues.