

KARLEN V. GRIGORIAN

Karlen V. Grigorian, Doctor of Biological sciences, Professor, passed away on August 31, 2015.

K. Grigorian was born in 1946 in vilage Khoznavar of Goris district in Armenia. In 1971 he graduated from the Department of Biology of Yerevan State University. Since 1971 and until the last day he was working at the Yerevan State University, at the chair of “Agrochemistry and Soil Science” (since 1983 Chair of Ecology and Nature Protection) he started work as an assistant achieving rank of professor (2004) and Head of the Chair.



He defended his PhD in 1981 in Moscow State University. Later in 1990 K. Grigorian defended his Doctoral Thesis.

He was one of the developers of the complex program of environmental protection and of rational resources usage.

In 1993–1995 he participated in the work of the Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources of the National Assembly of the Republic. In 1995 he was a member of Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Environment.

Since 1997 he was the Head of Chair of Ecology and Nature Protection.

It is difficult to overestimate his contribution in the establishment of Armenian educational and scientific schools of Soil Science and Ecology.

His research studies covered the negative impact of mining and chemical industry products on the environment, the appropriateness of the use of polluted water for irrigation, the determination of the maximum permissible concentrations of harmful substances and heavy metals using activity of cellular enzymes.

He was a distinguished teacher and a skillful organizer of Higher Education. He devoted most of his scientific life to teaching activities. He has invested great

energy for the establishment and development of the Chair. Many of his students are still working in the Chair.

Dr. Grigorian has authored more than 120 scientific articles published in many international and local journals, 3 textbooks and 19 manuals. He was a coauthor of 4 monographs.

He was supervisor of fifteen candidates and one doctoral thesis.

He was awarded:

the Gold Medal “Yerevan State University 90”,

the Honor Diploma (2006) of MES RA.

Since 2009 and until the last day he was a member of the Editorial board of the “Proceedings of Yerevan State University”.

We will always remember Karlen V. Grigorian as a citizen, famous scientist and distinguished teacher.

The bright memories of him will always remain in our hearts.

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