



In Memoriam: **Dmytro Hovorun** (1950–2020)

On December 20, 2020, Dmytro Mykolayovych Hovorun, deputy editor-in-chief of *Biopolymers and Cell* journal, prematurely passed away. He was a generous and sincere person and a gifted scientist. His scientific interests encompassed the universal physical and chemical fundamentals of the specific interaction between components of nucleoprotein complexes, the determination of the role of prototropic tautomerism and conformational variability of components of nucleic acids and proton transfer in the elementary acts of protein-nucleic and nucleic-nucleic recognition.-

He was the author of over 480 scientific articles, 6 monographs, 49 inventor's certificates and patents of Ukraine.

Dmytro Mykolayovych was born on May 18, 1950, in 1972 he graduated from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv with honours in the specialty of Radiophysics (non-linear optics). After completing his postgraduate study, he started working at the same university, and in 1987 defended his PhD thesis. Since 1987 his life has been dedicated to the Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, NAS of Ukraine, where he worked first as a senior researcher, then head of the Department of molecular and quantum biophysics. For 16 years he has been deputy director for science, dealing with the issues of personnel training, promotion of science, and support for scientific talents. Dmytro Mykolayovych was a natural born teacher, generously passing his knowledge on to the students of the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", the Institute of High Technologies and the Institute of Philology at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv.

Professor Hovorun, a corresponding member of the NAS of Ukraine, Doctor of Science (biology), had the position of deputy academician-secretary at the Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Molecular Biology, the NAS of Ukraine, was a member of the editorial board of such journals as *Physics of the Alive*, *Ukrainica*

Bioorganica Acta, Physics of the Molecules, Innovative Biosystems and Bioengineering and Biophysical Bulletin, a member of the scientific board at the IMBG of the NAS of Ukraine, the specialized scientific council for thesis defense at the IMBG, the NAS of Ukraine, and the Department of Physics at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, many national and international scientific societies, including Ukrainian Biophysical, Physical and Biochemical societies.

Creative achievements have brought Dmytro Mykolayovych well-deserved reputation and recognition: Honorary Science and Technology Professional of Ukraine, Laureate of the State Prize of Ukraine in the field of science and technology, laureate of the Gershenson Award of the NAS of Ukraine; a certificate from the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, *etc.*

Nobody can bring him back to us, but we will cherish our memories of his warm words “How are you doing, sweetheart?”, “When is the next article coming?”, “We have our own work to do”. We are immensely grateful for your care and teaching, Dmytro Mykolayovych, rest in peace.