

Dear readers

It gives me great pleasure to present information concerning foreign members of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia recently elected in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Scientists of Armenia show great interest in the results obtained by the compatriots abroad.

At the time of independence the financing concepts were changed drastically and the scientific contacts between the workers in Armenia and abroad intensified. In particular, an increased number of Armenian scientists move for regular work to developed countries, where they are given an opportunity to use western material and technological resources, libraries, and so on for realization of their new ideas, measurements, and observations. A part of them became already citizens of these countries and are working there actively. Close contacts of these workers with Armenian scientists is established and joint works are actively performed.

In these conditions a decision has been taken to analyze the actual state of affairs in the Diaspora science and to engage the most active Diaspora scientists in collaboration with NAS. Outstanding scientists had been elected to NAS as foreign members; they consented, in addition to active collaboration, to participate in reviewing scientific project proposals submitted for consideration in Armenia and those already running, to attend the annual General Meetings of NAS, to present reports on the results of their and joint scientific activities, and to promote, as foreign collaborators, approval of international projects.

We heartily congratulate on election to NAS of Armenia and wish good health and all the best. We believe that foreign members of NAS of Armenia will continue their scientific activities and close contacts with workers in Armenia.

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