

ACADEMICIAN GEORG BRUTIAN

Academician Georg Brutian passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on December 8, 2015 about three month short of his 90th birthday¹.

The prominent Armenian scientist, Academician of the NAS of RA, Doctor of science in philosophy, Professor Georg Brutian was born on March 24, 1926 in Sevqar, Armenia. He graduated from faculties of Engineering, International relations, Philosophy, and Philology in Yerevan and Moscow. He got PhD and Doctor of science degrees in Moscow in 1951 and 1961 accordingly becoming the youngest soviet Doctor of science in philosophy.

Georg Brutian's contribution to Armenian science and education could not be overestimated. He founded and a number of leading chairs of philosophy and scientific organizations: he was the founder and head of the chair of philosophy at Yerevan pedagogical institute after V. Briusov (1962–1970) and of the chair of philosophy and logic at Yerevan state University (1962–1970). He played significant role in founding the faculty of philosophy and sociology at Yerevan state University. He was chosen corresponding member of the National Academy of Sciences in 1971 and full member – in 1982.

G.Brutian was chosen to the position of academician-secretary of the department of philosophy and philology of the NAS of RA in 1977 and was academician-secretary of the department of humanitarian sciences and Vice-President of the NAS of RA in 1994-2002.

Despite his venerable age, academician Brutian remained true to his high calling, worked tirelessly and eagerly, continued to put his expertise and capacities into the development of national and world

sciences guiding founded by him International Research Institute of Metaphilosophy, Transformational Logic and Argumentation at Armenian State Pedagogical University and being the consultant of the President of the NAS of RA.

Brutian was author of more than 60 monographs, books, and handbooks, about 200 scientific papers translated and published in 20 languages.

G.Brutian was founder and author of a number of branches of sciences. A number of methodological principles and conceptions are named after him like

- a) the principle of polylogic,
- b) transformational logic,
- c) the principle of linguistic complementarity,
- d) Brutian conception of argumentation and founded by him Yerevan school of argumentation that deserved wide international recognition.

G.Brurian made significant contribution for the elaboration of problems of Armenian philosophical thought and methodological principles of Armenology.

Taking up leadership positions for many years in the field of sciences and education, Academician G.Brutian made a significant contribution in educating the young generation of scientists and forming a new army of Armenian philosophers, logicians, sociologists, and politicians.

Academician G.Brutian made significant and valuable efforts in presenting to international scientific society the importance of righteous solution of Karabakh problem and organizing the true attitude of the prominent scientists all over the world in regard of Armenian's 1915 genocide by Ottoman Turks.

Georg Brutian had founded and guided the International Institute of Argumentation, Armenian Academy for philosophy, International Academy for

¹ Parts of messages and letters of condolence received by Wisdom ed. in connection with the death of academician Georg Brutian see in appendix (pp. 131).

philosophy, thus opening new perspectives and horizons for his young colleagues.

He was member of World Literary Academy (Great Britain, 1990), founding member of London diplomacy academy (Great Britain, 2000), received Soviet, Armenian, and a number of foreign country awards, got honorable titles and awards from many leading universities and International institutes.

As a genuine philosopher Georg Brutian loved the beauty of life. He was a hospitable, cheerful, smart and witty personality. He enjoyed the achievements of his students and colleagues, congratulated them by all his heart, yet when things concerned his own personal life, he was rather ascetic and by all the means avoided publicity even regarding his birthdays and jubilees.

Anyhow, Brutian's friends and students succeeded to organize the celebration of his 80th anniversary in 2006. Great number of scientific research centers and universities, official and non-official organizations, his students and colleagues sent enormous number of congratulations and messages from many places all over the world. The Academi-

cian very much delighted by these worm words thanked all friends and participants in his jubilee speech and invited them to take part in his 100 years jubilee adding with characteristic to him humor that if it happens that he were absent by some respectful reason then there should be no sorrow among the invited people who may just enjoy each other's presence. Unfortunately, the scientific community, his students and friends did not get the opportunity to celebrate with George Brutian his 90th birthday.

Nevertheless, it is quite consoling that Brutian way of life, his style of philosophizing, his tradition of boundless devotion to science and the country, his significant contribution to science have encouraged and guided many and will lead them forward in years to come.

The name of the great scientist, pedagogue and citizen is inscribed in golden letters in the history of Armenian and world science.

The memory of Academician Georg Brutian will live forever in the hearts of his colleagues, students and friends.