



With the greatest sadness ESN Council announces that, after a prolonged illness, Dr Igor Zhuravin (Saint Petersburg, Russia), a long-standing ESN member, has died on September 16th, 2020 aged 75 years. Dr Zhuravin was the head of the laboratory of Physiology and Pathology of the Central Nervous System in the I.M. Sechenov Institute of Evolutionary Physiology and Biochemistry of Russian Academy of Sciences where he had a career from lab technician to the Head of the laboratory. Although trained as an electronic engineer Dr Zhuravin developed deep knowledge in CNS physiology working with

academician Artashes Karamyan, Dr Boris Tolkunov (both in Saint Petersburg) and Jan Bureš (Laboratory of Neurophysiology of Memory, Institute of Physiology of the Academy of Sciences in Prague, Czech Republic). The latter was an exceptionally gifted experimentalist rightly viewed as one of the founding fathers of modern neuroscience from whom the young Dr Zhuravin obtained an enormous drive and interest to study brain development and function. In the last two decades, Dr Zhuravin and his team were working on the effects of prenatal stress on brain development and especially on the neurochemical mechanisms of neurodegeneration. Dr Zhuravin has supervised numerous talented undergraduate and PhD students and was a principal organizer of a series of biennial Conferences and Schools on Evolutionary Physiology held in Saint Petersburg starting from 1982.

Dr Zhuravin's links to ESN activities go back to 1997 when he was a part of the team involved in organization of the 12th Biennial meeting of ESN held in Saint Petersburg in July 1998. He was also a member of the Local Organizing Committee of the 24th ESN meeting scheduled to be in Saint Peterburg in May 2021 but now postponed due to COVID19 until May 2022.

Until his very last days Dr Igor Zhuravin was actively planning research experiments, writing articles, and reviewing scientific papers for various journals. His love of science represented a unique continuum where personal and scientific interests were tightly interwound and enriched with enthusiasm, passion, and friendship. He will be deeply missed by his friends and colleagues.

On behalf of ESN I express sincere condolences to all Dr Igor Zhuravin's relatives, especially his daughter Ekaterina, son Alexander and grandchildren Natalia and Alexei, as well as all who knew him.

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