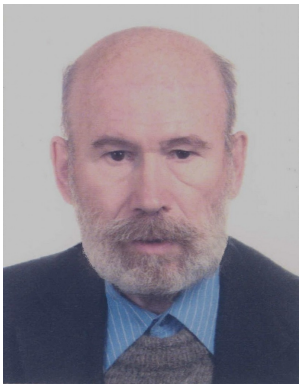
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On behalf of the Eurasian Astronomical Society, I would like to express my warmest feelings and congratulations to Professor Nikolai G. Bochkarev, Editor-in-Chief of *Astronomical and Astrophysical Transactions* on the occasion of his 75th birthday on May 19, 2022. Professor Bochkarev (PhD, DSc) is a scientist in the field of astrophysics, archeoastronomy, history of astronomy and other related topics, well known in the whole world. His astronomical education was obtained at the Astronomical Department, Faculty of Physics, M.V. Lomonosov Moscow University. He has successfully studied interstellar medium, active galactic nuclei, X-ray binary systems and many other subjects, and he is the author of more than 350 scientific papers and 8 books. During all his life in science, he has worked at the P.K. Sternberg Astronomical Institute, M.V. Lomonosov Moscow University, currently in the position of a Main Researcher.



In 1990, N.G. Bochkarev's energetic attempts to create a society uniting professional astronomers of the Soviet Union succeeded: the USSR Astronomical Society was formed, and N.G. Bochkarev became one of its three first chairmen, together with V.G. Gorbatsky and A. Sapar (Estonia). The next year the USSR ceased to exist, and the Society was re-arranged as the Eurasian Astronomical Society, still existing in 2022 and uniting not only astronomers of Russia but also astronomers from Eastern Europe and other parts of the world. The Eurasian Astronomical Society (EAAS) is officially registered by the Russian Ministry of Justice. N.G. Bochkarev remained one of the EAAS chairpersons for several terms; after that, he became the EAAS Honorary Member and, till now, every week he takes part in regular meetings of EAAS active members. In the 1990s, the activity of EAAS co-chairman N.G. Bochkarev was crucial for getting additional funding for Russian astronomical institutions; all of them experienced serious financial difficulties at that time. As soon as the Society had been established, N.G. Bochkarev started efforts to create the Society's scientific

journal. Already in 1991, the journal "Astronomical and Astrophysical Transactions" (AApTr) was established, with N.G. Bochkarev as the Editor-in-Chief. For more than 30 years, N.G. Bochkarev has paid this journal his deepest attention and 32 volumes of the AApTr were issued in 1991–2021. It is currently published by Cambridge Scientific Publishers. The history of the EAAS and AApTr is described in more detail in AApTr volume 32, issue 4, 2021. N.G. Bochkarev was awarded several honor titles and awards for his work. The minor planet 19915 has the name Bochkarev. In 2020, among the first, he was awarded the EAAS Memorial Medal "30 Years of the EAAS".

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