



## Nikolaj Sergeevič Černikov (1955 – 2018)



Nikolaj Sergeevič Černikov passed away at the age of 63 on July 27th, 2018. He was born on May 12th, 1955 in Perm (Russia). In 1964, Černikov's family moved to Kiev, and in 1972 he enrolled the *Mechanics and Mathematics Department of Taras Shevchenko University*, where he graduated in 1977. Since then, his scientific life is connected with the *Institute of Mathematics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine*. Nikolaj was still a student when he started doing research

in group theory, achieving significant results under the guidance of his father Sergej N. Černikov, and he was an active member of the *Kiev Group Theory Seminar* since 1975. In 1978, he defended his Ph.D. dissertation, prepared under the supervision of Vladimir P. Šunkov. Nikolaj was still a student when he started doing research in group theory, achieving significant results under the guidance of his father Sergej N. Černikov, and he was an active member of the *Kiev Group Theory Seminar* since 1975. Nikolaj Černikov published more than eighty papers devoted to relevant questions of the theory of groups, mainly working on groups with generalized conditions of minimality and solubility, factorizations of groups and linear groups. He wrote a monograph on the theory of factorized groups, and among many other results in this topic he proved that any group,

which is the product of two subgroups that are finite over the centre, contains a soluble subgroup of finite index. His work has made him a renowned expert in the field of group theory.