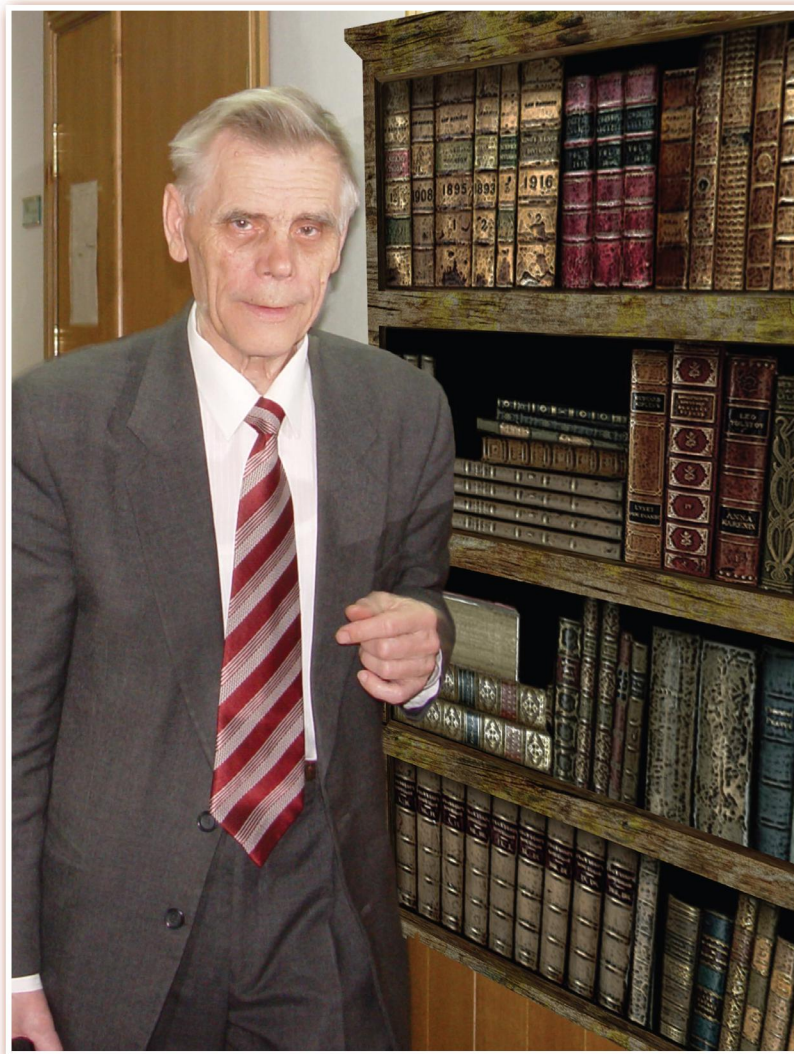


## ANNIVERSARIES

### Mikhail Fedorovich Sychev Celebrates His 80th Birthday



October 23, 2015, Mikhail Fedorovich Sychev, Ph.D. in Economics, Leading Research Associate at the Institute of Socio-Economic Development of Territories of RAS celebrated his 80th birthday.

Mikhail Fedorovich was born in 1935 in the village of Turmasovo, Michurinsky District, Tambov Oblast. In 1959 he graduated from the agronomical faculty of Michurin Fruit and Vegetable Institute with the qualification of

agronomist. In 1969 he completed his studies at the graduate school under the Institute of Economics of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR and defended his Ph.D. dissertation there.

Mikhail Fedorovich started to work in 1959 as agronomist at the Collective Farm Druzhba in Cherepovetsky District of the Vologda Oblast; then he was elected First Secretary of the Cherepovets District Komsomol Committee, and in 1960 – Secretary of the Vologda Oblast Komsomol Committee. In 1964–1984 he worked as assistant to First Secretary and as Head of the Department of Agriculture and Food Industry at the Vologda Oblast Committee of the CPSU. In January 1984 he was elected Secretary and in May 1985 – Second Secretary of the Vologda Oblast Committee of the CPSU.

Mikhail Fedorovich Sychev is a prominent scientist in the field of analysis of economic development of territorial production systems; he has been working in ISEDT RAS since 1991. A scientific school that studies and develops theoretical and methodological foundation for modernization of economic entities in Russia's northern regions taking into account current goals of national development was developed under his leadership. He is the author of more than 40 scientific papers.

During his work at the Institute M.F. Sychev conducted a great deal of basic and applied research on the issues of socio-economic development of territories and enhancement of economic efficiency in the regions of Russia's European North. He is the author of several sections in the monographs of the Institute that received high praise in the scientific and industrial

community: "Analysis and assessment of the capabilities of the Vologda Oblast science-and-technology potential for coping with the tasks of structural adjustment" (Vologda, 1996); "Agro-industrial complex of the region: reform and development" (Vologda: VSCC CEMI RAS, 1997); "Timber industry complex: problems and solutions" (Vologda: VSCC CEMI RAS, 1999); "Investment activity in the region" (Vologda: VSCC CEMI RAS, 2002); "Trends and issues of region's development" in 3 volumes (Vologda: VSCC CEMI RAS, 2005); "Region's development strategy" (Moscow: Academia, 2006); "Regional strategy for economic growth" (Moscow: Nauka, 2007); "Spatial aspects of region's development" (Vologda: VSCC CEMI RAS, 2008); "Regional development issues: 2002–2012" (Vologda: VSCC CEMI RAS, 2009); "Trends and issues of region's development" in 4 volumes (Vologda: ISEDT RAS, 2011); "Economics of reforestation" (Vologda: ISEDT RAS, 2011); "The influence of the metallurgical corporation owners' interests on socio-economic development" (Vologda: ISEDT RAS, 2012). M.F. Sychev supervised several works that received grants from federal research funds and financial support from the regional authorities. These works define the strategic reserves and areas of socio-economic development in the region, highlight the priorities for the implementation of economic reforms associated with the combination of large-scale production and capabilities of small and medium business, substantiate the most important conceptual provisions for the development and implementation of current and long-term economic modernization in the country.

He took active part in the research on the criteria by which the Vologda Oblast can be classified as a region of the North (the materials were submitted by the Vologda Oblast Administration to the Government of the Russian Federation) and in the development of strategies for socio-economic development of Cherepovetsky, Sokolsky, Gryazovetsky and other districts of the Vologda Oblast.

M.F. Sychev makes a significant contribution to the training of scientific personnel and highly qualified specialists in economics. Two ISEDT RAS associates defended their Ph.D. dissertations under his direct scientific supervision.

M.F. Sychev gives regular consultations to ISEDT RAS graduate students; it helps them improve the quality and relevance of their dissertations. He was engaged in teaching at Vologda State University. Over 50 graduation papers were prepared and defended under his supervision in 2000–2015.

M.F. Sychev received government awards for his work achievements (two orders of the Badge of Honor – 1971, 1973, the Order of Friendship of Peoples – 1986, the Honorary Diploma of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR – 1985). Besides, he was awarded the Honorary Diploma of the Russian Academy of Sciences (2005), and received awards from the Vologda Oblast Governor. In 2013 he won the Vologda Oblast science and technology award, which was given to ISEDT RAS research team.

Mikhail Fedorovich Sychev is Deputy Editor of the journal “Economic and Social Changes: Facts, Trends, Forecast” included in the VAK List (the list of peer-reviewed scientific editions approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia that publish major research findings of Ph.D. and doctoral candidates), and member of editorial boards of the journals “Problems of Territory’s Development” and “Territorial Development Issues” that are published by ISEDT RAS; he organizes peer review of the articles submitted to the journal from various regions of Russia, and organizes work with the contributors of articles. He is distinguished by high professionalism, constant creative search, high demands to his work.

The ability to think big, exceptional diligence, perseverance and persistence in achieving goals bring him success in dealing with administrative, scientific, methodological and other issues.

Mikhail Fyodorovich Sychev is a responsive and benevolent person. He enjoys well-deserved authority and respect of the Institute’s staff. It is the authority of a professional and creative individual and a richly gifted intellectual personality.

The staff of ISEDT RAS give Mikhail Fedorovich their most cordial congratulations on his anniversary and sincerely wish him good health and long, happy days of life, further success in scientific work, creative achievements and prosperity.