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Vladimir Ilyin and Jacques Sapir Were Elected Members of the Russian Academy of Sciences

October 24–28, 2016, the election to the Russian Academy of Sciences was held; as a result, the composition of the Academy has been significantly revised and expanded. It is noteworthy that two members of the Editorial Board of the journal “Economic and Social Changes: Facts, Trends, Forecast” were among the winners of the election. At the general meeting of the Social Sciences Department, Vladimir Aleksandrovich Ilyin was elected Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and Jacques Sapir – Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences (both in the “Economics” field).

October 28, the voting results of RAS departments were approved at the General Meeting of the Academy. The Editorial Board and editorial staff of the journal “Economic and Social Changes: Facts, Trends, Forecast” congratulate Vladimir Ilyin and Jacques Sapir on such an important event in their scientific career and wish them new achievements in research, creative and social work.



**Corresponding Member
of the Russian Academy of Sciences
Vladimir Aleksandrovich
Ilyin**

V. A. Ilyin was born on January 19, 1941 in the town of Gantsevichi in the Brest region of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic. In 1958 he graduated from high school in the city of Kamensk-

Uralsky, Sverdlovsk Oblast. He began his career at the Leningrad Optical and Mechanical Plant where he rose through the ranks from worker to department head at this major defense enterprise. While

working at the plant, he graduated from the Leningrad Institute of Engineering and Economics in 1978, his specialty was “Economics and organization of machine-building industry”.

In 1978, V.A. Ilyin was appointed Deputy Director for Production and Economics at the Vologda Optical and Mechanical Plant (VOMZ), and became its Director in 1979. In 1986–1990 he was General Director of VOMZ Production Association. In 1988, he defended his Candidate of Economics dissertation.

In the late 1990, V.A. Ilyin was appointed Head of the Vologda Scientific Coordination Center under the Russian Academy of Sciences, the first scientific organization of the Russian Academy of Sciences in the Vologda Oblast; in 2009, the Center was renamed the Institute of Socio-Economic Development of Territories of RAS.

V.A. Ilyin worked as ISEDT RAS Director for 25 years. In 1999, he defended his Doctor of Economics dissertation; in 2001, he was awarded the academic title of Professor. Since December 2015, V.A. Ilyin is Scientific Director of ISEDT RAS.

The scientific activity of the Institute since its inception has been focused on solving the problems and finding the ways to promote the most efficient socio-economic development of territories. The research works performed in recent years under the scientific supervision and with direct participation of V.A.

Ilyin formulated strategic directions of development for industry, agriculture, and scientific-innovative sphere of the Vologda Oblast; the methodology for assessing and identifying the main directions of economic security was worked out; methodological tools to estimate the efficiency of public administration were developed on the basis of analyzing Rosstat data and the results of a survey on social well-being; a set of measures was substantiated in order to adjust economic policy; a system for the assessment of the extent of transformation of the territorial structure of the national economy was developed. With the use of the integral indicator it was possible to carry out the clustering of regions of the Russian Federation by level of socio-economic development; the status of cluster systems in the Russian regions was assessed, the potential for development of industrial clustering in territorial systems was identified; the level and dynamics of economic situation and social well-being of regions were identified; the determinants of territorial differences were investigated, the development of territories was ranked according to the quality of life and integrated modernization.

Over 300 scientific works prepared by V.A. Ilyin and under his supervision were published.

He focuses his attention on expanding the business and scientific interaction of the Institute with the leading economic

institutes of the Russian Academy of Sciences and with foreign scientists. The Institute annually hosts national and international conferences and seminars. All in all, 150 scientific events were held during the period from 1997 to the present time.

The Institute publishes four scientific journals. Two of them – “Economic and Social Changes: Facts, Trends, Forecast” (founded in 2008, published in Russian and English) and “Problems of Territory’s Development” (founded in 1997) are published in printed form; both journals are on the List of peer-reviewed scientific publications authorized to publish the main research findings of candidate and doctor of sciences dissertations

V.A. Ilyin is founder and scientific supervisor of the scientific school “Problems of integrated study of regional economic and social processes”. In 2006–2015, participants of the school prepared and defended 30 dissertations, four of them – under the scientific supervision of V.A. Ilyin. He carries out active work on the integration of scientific and educational activities; he is initiator and leader of a unique project – the Research and Educational Center for Economics and Information Technology under ISEDT RAS. The Center implements an integrated system for training schoolchildren, college students, and graduate students, and provides training of highly qualified specialists for science, education and economy. Over 480

schoolchildren completed the elective course in economics, mathematics and computer science – the first training step at the Research and Educational Center – in the period from 2003 to 2015.

V.A. Ilyin takes active part in public life. He is member of the following organizations: the Council for the development of scientific and technological potential of the Vologda Oblast, Vologda regional state-public coordination council on the training of skilled workers and experts, the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of the Vologda Oblast, the Council for strategic development of Vologda.

For his active production, scientific-organizational and public activity, V.A. Ilyin was awarded the Order of the Badge of Honor (1986), Labor Veteran Medal (1984); the Honorary diplomas of RAS (1999, 2006, 2008, 2015), RAS Presidium (2011), FANO of Russia (2015), the Governor of the Vologda Oblast (2000, 2013), the Legislative Assembly of the Vologda Oblast (2010), the Economic Development Department of the Vologda Oblast (2015), the head of Vologda City (2000). He was also awarded the State Prize of the Vologda Oblast in 2013 (2014), the Badge “For valiant labor for the benefit of Vologda” (2015), and the Medal “For merit to Vologda” (2015). In 2006 he was awarded the honorary title “Honored worker of science of the Russian Federation”, in 2010 – “Honorary citizen of the city of Vologda”.



**Foreign Member of the Russian
Academy of Sciences
Jacques Sapir**

Jacques Sapir was born on March 24, 1954 in Puteaux (France). In 1976, he graduated from Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po). In 1986, he earned his state doctor's degree in economics at the Paris X-Nanterre University. In 1978–1982, he worked as lecturer in a lyceum; in 1982–1990, he taught Economics at Paris X-Nanterre. Since 1990, he worked at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS). In 1996, he became research fellow. Currently, he is Director of the Centre d'Étude des Modes d'Industrialisation (CEMI-EHESS).

Jacques Sapir is a prominent French economist, known for his writings on the contemporary world economy and relevant research on the development of Russia and CIS countries. Jacques Sapir is member of the editorial boards of several French research journals. He is scientific advisor to several organizations and programs (European Commission, TACIS, PHARE, and others).

In 1993–2000, he was lecturer at the Russian Higher School of Economics. In recent years, he teaches at the Moscow School of Economics. He is member of

the Scientific and Editorial Board of the journal “Problemy Prognozirovaniya” founded by RAS Institute of Economics. This and other Russian journals contain J. Sapir's informative articles, in which he presents his vision of economic, social and political problems of modernity and solutions to them.

In 2015, the monograph “Russian transformation: 20 years later” edited by J. Sapir was published, its co-authors were RAS academicians A.D. Nekipelov, V.V. Ivanter and Doctor of Economics D.B. Kuvalin (Moscow: Magistr, 2015. 216 p.).

Jacques Sapir visited Vologda in 2007 and 2010, and participated in the Russian-French academic conferences hosted by ISED T RAS. He delivered lectures to the staff and graduate students of the Institute, while demonstrating excellent command of the Russian language.

Since 2010, Jacques Sapir is member of the Editorial Board of the journal “Economic and Social Changes: Facts, Trends, Forecast”. He annually assesses the Journal and its articles, makes valuable suggestions for improving the content and quality of the Journal; the Editorial Board is very grateful to him for this kind of work. Congratulating Jacques Sapir on his election as RAS Foreign Member, the Editorial Board and editorial staff hope that his creative involvement in the Journal's life will continue.