

OPENING OF HIGH-RELIEF MEMORIAL BOARD TO ACADEMICIAN B.E. PATON



On November 11, 2021 a solemn opening of high-relief memorial board to academician B.E. Paton, Director of the Institute, President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine took place at the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Employees of PWI, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev enterprises, and media were present in the meeting on the occasion of this event. The meeting was opened by I.V. Krivtsun, academician of the NAS of Ukraine, Director of the Institute.

In his speech I.V. Krivtsun noted that Borys E. Paton is an outstanding Ukrainian scientist in the field of welding, metallurgy and technology of materials, materials science, prominent public figure and talented organizer of scientific research. Together with his father, Evgen O. Paton, he created the world-renowned Paton scientific school. B.E. Paton gained international prestige due to his versatile and extremely fruitful scientific and engineering activity, and desire to direct fundamental research to solving the problems of society.

He had a profound understanding of the role of science in society, its goals and objectives, and successfully combined active scientific and social-political work. Under his leadership Ukrainian science received a new powerful impulse in its development. After disintegration of the Soviet Union and formation of independent Ukraine under the conditions of an acute economic crisis Borys Paton managed to preserve the Academy, its main scientific schools, principles of academic self-management, perform restructuring of the Academy in accordance with the new conditions, and direct fundamental and applied research to solving urgent tasks of creating a young state.

Borys Paton was not only an outstanding scientist and organizer of science, but also an excellent educator and teacher with a capital letter. He brought up a whole galaxy of scientists in the field of welding, metallurgy and materials science. Borys Paton always was democratic, well-wishing, open to communication, ready to help in solving not just the scientific, but urgent social and everyday problems of the staff of the Institute and the Academy.

Borys E. Paton was a true leader, creative personality, highly respectable and kind person, who had fantastic energy and working capacity, and deep





knowledge in many fields. He had a generous nature, keen analytical mind and excellent sense of humour. Bright memory of this outstanding person, talented scientist, organizer of science and public figure will forever remain in our hearts.

Academician A.G. Zagorodnyi, President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, noted that opening of the memorial high-relief board to B.E. Paton is an important event. He was a distinguished scientist and engineer, and outstanding organizer of Ukrainian science. B.E. Paton had two most important things in his life — NAS of Ukraine and PWI, which he cared for as though these were his children. During the period of his leadership, Ukrainian science was developing fruitfully, new institutes opened, and new directions of research emerged. There is fundamental

and applied science, but B.E. Paton is a vivid example of how purpose-oriented research can be developed and how these directions can be united. During the period of his leadership, PWI gained worldwide recognition as a leading scientific center. With this high-relief board opened today B.E. Paton will continue to live in our hearts.

Kind words about Borys Paton were also shared by academician L.M. Lobanov, PWI Deputy Director, V.O. Shapovalov, Corresp. Memb. of NASU, academician K.A. Yushchenko, PWI Department Head, academician V.V. Petrov, Director of the Institute of Information Registration and academician A.G. Naumovets, Head of NASU Commission on perpetuating the memory of academician B.E. Paton.

At the end of the meeting I.V. Krivtsun thanked all those present and emphasized that the memory of B.E. Paton will remain forever in our hearts and the best guarantee for it will be our fruitful work in modern science, following the example of the distinguished scientist.

The author of the high-relief board is V.G. Koren, a well-known sculptor, member of the Union of Artists of Ukraine. The bronze high-relief board was made in the classic style of the traditional portrait genre. The installation in the form of a welding flash symbolizes emergence of new ideas, of which B.E. Paton had a lot. The high-relief board was created with voluntary contributions of PWI employees.

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