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RECOMMENDATION LETTER

The Russian national group IAEG proposes the Ex-Chairman of the Russian national group of IAEG, the full member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Scientific Advisor of the Sergeev Institute of Environmental Geoscience RAS, Dr. Sci. (Geol.-Min.), Prof. **Victor Ivanovich OSIPOV** as a nominee **for the title of an Honorable member IAEG**.

The name of Victor Osipov is well known to engineering geologists all over the world. Being an expert of international repute, he is a leading Russian scientist in environmental geoscience, engineering geology, soil and rock engineering. V.I. Osipov has contributed to the world science with the considerable achievements in soil and rock engineering, study of geological hazards, natural risks assessment and mitigation of natural disasters consequences. For 25 years (1990-2015), he headed the Sergeev Institute of Environmental Geoscience at the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is also an Honorary Professor at the Moscow State University, an Honorary Professor of the Geological Institute at the Chinese Academy of Science. He was a lecturing professor at the department of Civil Engineering, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA and Delft University of Technology (the Netherlands). He also delivered lectures in physicochemical mechanics of clay as a visiting professor at the universities of Japan, China, Canada, Germany, and Poland. Prof. Osipov heads of the Scientific Council at the Russian Academy of Sciences on the problems of environmental geoscience, engineering geology, and hydrogeology, and he is the member of Russian National Committee of geologists. He is the author of more than 700 scientific publications (including 13 monographs and 20 patents of inventions) and an awardee of many national governmental awards.

Victor Osipov is the member of IAEG since 1978, and he has undoubtedly made a huge contribution to the IAEG development, to strengthening international relations among geoscientists and engineering geologists all over the world. He has been tightly connected to the Association since its early years. In 1960-1970s, being an assistant to Prof. E.M. Sergeev (one of the founders and leaders of IAEG), Victor Osipov was involved in organization of many international IAEG events, as the scientific and executive secretary of Organizing Committees, i.e.: the International Symposium IAEG "Engineering Geological Properties of Clays and Processes in Clay", (Moscow, September 1971); the IAEG Conference "Genetic Principles of Engineering Geological Studies of Soils and Rocks" (Moscow, June 4-7, 1974); the IAEG Symposium "Engineering Geological Problems in Hydrotechnical Construction" (Tbilisi, Georgia, USSR, 12-19 September 1979).

In 1978-1986, V.I. Osipov was **the Chair of the IAEG Commission no.12** "Soil properties as a function of their genesis". In 1986-1990, Victor Osipov was the member of the Executive Committee of IAEG, **Vice-President for Eastern Europe**. Since 1990 till 2019, Academician Prof. Victor I. Osipov was the member of IAEG Council, **Chair of the Russian national group of IAEG**. As the Chairman of the Russian national group, Victor Osipov participated in all international events of IAEG and Council meetings for many years. He also co-chaired the International Symposium "Engineering geological Problems in Urban Areas" (Yekaterinburg, 2001) held under the patronage of IAEG. In 2011, he was the Chair of the Organizing Committee of the IAEG Conference (Environmental Geosciences and Engineering Survey for Territory Protection and Population Safety" (Engeopro-2011), which was hosted by the Russian national group IAEG and was held in Moscow, September 6-8. This conference was an official event IAEG, which hosted Executive and Council meetings. **In 2012, academician Victor I. Osipov was awarded with the highest IAEG award, the Hans Cloos medal.**

We are sure that Victor Osipov as one of the oldest members of IAEG is worth to be its honorable member.

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