

Professor Vladimir Egorovich Pavlov

The title of Honorary Fellow of the University was conferred upon Professor Vladimir Egorovitch Pavlov, a distinguished scholar and engineer and Rector of the St Petersburg State University of Means of Communications since 1989, at a ceremony held at 9.30am on 28 October 1996.



Professor Vladimir Egorovitch Pavlov, *photo, Katrina Tepper, 'The University of Sydney News', 31 October 1996.*

Citation

Presented by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Gavin Brown

Chancellor

Vladimir Egorovich Pavlov, Rector of the St Petersburg State University of Means of Communications, is an outstanding Russian scholar specialising in railway transport. He is a graduate engineer who has designed innovative Russian railway marshalling yards and is a specialist in the history of transport mechanics. Professor Pavlov has received substantial recognition in his own country, having been awarded the Order of the Symbol of Honour and made an 'Honoured Railwayman' and he has earned the Symbol of the Ministry of Education of the former USSR for 'excellent success in the work in the field of higher education of the USSR'.

Professor Pavlov was born on 8 March 1931 in Ussurijsk which is in Russia's Primorsky region. He studied engineering in the Leningrad Electro-technical Institute of Railway Engineers. From 1954 to 1957 he was a postgraduate student in the same institution. In 1957 he became an Assistant Professor and was later promoted to an Associate Professorship in the Leningrad Institute of Railway Engineers' Department of Theoretical Mechanics. In 1971 he became Professor of the Department and the Dean of the Faculty of Railway Operation. In 1989 he was elected as Rector of his institution, which by that time had changed its name to the St Petersburg State University of Means of Communications.

While Professor Pavlov is a distinguished scholar and engineer (ninety of his articles have been published), his most important accomplishment has been the shaping of his University during the period of Russia's Second Revolution which saw Communism replaced by a free and democratic society.

Professor Pavlov inherited an institute with over seventeen thousand students and a talented staff who have been starved of resources for many years. One of his main goals has been opening up the University to the ideas, traditions, and learning of the non-Communist world. Under his leadership, the St Petersburg State

University of Means of Communications and the University of Sydney have developed a close, formal, working relationship which has resulted in the exchange of staff and many cooperative ventures. Every year his institution receives four Australian scholars who have immediate access to the enormous library within the University and to many engineering projects throughout the St Petersburg region. In turn, an equal number of Russians come each year to the University of Sydney and this has been the genesis of our highly successful technology exchange which last year resulted in a cooperative effort which saw the Faculty of Economics participate in the creation of a modem computer network in Professor Pavlov's University. That relationship has grown stronger this year with Sydney advising on the computerisation of the St Petersburg institution's vast library.

The significance of this cooperation is underscored since currently there are no fully computerised libraries in all of Russia. Professor Pavlov's decisive administrative style and his warm personality and friendship have been keys to the successful partnership which has developed between the University of Sydney and its Russian counterpart. In 1997 we look forward to a continuation of this partnership which we hope will bind our two institutions even closer together.

We are happy to welcome Vladimir Egorovich Pavlov as a Fellow of the University of Sydney.