IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR D. SC. ENG. KOSTA APOSTOLOV
MLADENOV

In December 2014 we suddenly lost our dear colleague and friend Professor D.Sc. Eng. Kosta Apostolov Mladenov.

Born on 10.12.1946, he graduated Railway Construction in the Higher Institute of Engineering and Construction. Research and teaching activity in the Department of Technical Mechanics, where he grew up from assistant to professor. He was a part-time lecturer also in other technical universities. Prof. Mladenov was Visiting Professor on sustainable movement at the University of Osaka Prefecture (Japan). He was Director of the Center for Continuing Education at the University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy, Sofia. For many years, he was a member of the Specialized Scientific Council on Structural Mechanics and a member of construction and mining sciences in the Higher Testimonial Commission. Prof. Kosta Mladenov has numerous scientific publications and participations in scientific congresses.

Prof. Mladenov was very responsible in teaching activities, friendly to colleagues and students. He had a flair for communication, was interesting
and desirable companion. For many years, he was the youngest professor at the University. Prof. Mladenov oversaw five PhD students who successfully defended their theses. Prof. Mladenov pioneered co-writings with colleagues from the Department of textbooks on Theoretical Mechanics and Strength of Materials. He dared to present topics of teaching material in an unconventional way. Professor Mladenov had poise and mastery of communication in different situations. It was nice to be contacted with him. Prof. Kosta Mladenov was a speaker for many years at the SAP2000 course in modelling and analysis of various structures at the Center for Electronic and Continuing Education at the University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy. The participants were engineers from practice, teachers, students. Prof. Mladenov was a member of many scientific juries in relation to defence of doctoral dissertations, with competitions for associate professor and professor. In his research, Professor Kosta Mladenov was known and respected by the scientists in mechanics – the Institute of Mechanics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and other technical universities. The Editorial Board of the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics lost one of his most active members.