

**Vasyl Kladko
(1957 – 2022)**



A long list of civil martyrs that were killed by Russian soldiers in Ukraine includes now the name of SPQEO deputy editor in chief professor Vasyl Kladko. He was shouted on 13 March in the town of Vorzel 30 km north-west from Ukrainian capital Kyiv, when he was trying to rescue his family from this battlefield area. His body remained on the occupied territory, where no tributes could be made to it.

Vasyl Kladko was born in the village Ozera in Rivne district. After graduating from Chernivtsi University he started his research career. From 1985 he was working in the Institute of Semiconductor Physics of NAS (since 2013 – as a deputy director). His research interests were dedicated to solid state physics, X-ray optics and semiconductor crystals, hetero- and nano-systems structural analysis.

For his research activity Vasyl Kladko was decorated by the State prize of Ukraine in 2011. In 2015 he was elected a NAS corresponding member.

Vasyl Kladko was a talented physicist and a charming person. He had many plans that were destroyed abruptly by Russian invasion. We believe that international physical community should forever remember his name and his tragic history.

Vasyl Kladko was the Deputy Editor-in-Chief of our SPQEO journal. His memory is bright.

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