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75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE E.O. PATON ELECTRIC WELDING INSTITUTE

On October 2, 2009 a gala meeting devoted to the 75th anniversary of the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute was held at the Institute, which is the world-renowned research center in the field of welding, electrometallurgy and protective coating deposition. The meeting was attended by the Institute staff, as well as numerous guests --- heads of departments, enterprises, leading academic and research institutions and higher educational establishments of Ukraine.

The meeting was opened by academician B.E. Paton, President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Director of the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute, who delivered a report on the main stages of the Institute activity in different periods. He noted that «the Institute has a powerful scientific potential and is developing, its structure and management system are being improved --- all the efforts are focused on further advance of welding and related processes, on solving the basic problems of production».

Boris E. Paton expressed his sincere gratitude to all those who had congratulated the Institute's staff with the jubilee, his high appreciation of the staff activity and his hope for further development of the Institute and achievement of new high results by young scientists in the theory and practice of welding fabrication.

Among those who congratulated the Institute are tens of research establishments, enterprises and organizations, colleagues and friends from Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Germany, Slovakia and Uzbekistan.

Then Yu.P. Bogutsky, Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the President of Ukraine, read the greetings from V.A. Yushchenko to the Institute staff, expressing a firm belief that «with its highly professional and inspired activities the Institute's staff will continue making a substantial contribution to development of the national and world science and strengthening of the economy of the Ukrainian state». Yu.P. Bogutsky read the Decree of the President of Ukraine on decorating the Institute staff with the state awards of Ukraine.

V.B. Yalovoj read the greetings on behalf of V.M. Litvin, Chairman of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. In them it was noted that the indefatigable creative activity of the representatives of the known Paton school promoted transformation of welding into the leading technology in many branches of the national economy, which is applied in different environments, in particular deep under the water and high up in space. To-day significant results have already been achieved also in the medical field, namely making reliable welded joints of soft live tissues. Scientific achievements and developments of patonovites, and technologies developed by them are milestones in the progress of world science and engineering. The Institute scientists have convincingly proved their ability to solve scientific and engineering problems of any complexity.

A.N. Gurzhy read the address of Yu.V. Timoshenko, Prime Minister of Ukraine. It expressed sincere gratitude to the Institute's staff for their self-sacrificing work and recognized scientific-engineering achievements, which make our economy competitive and enhance the scientific authority of Ukraine in the world.

Short speeches of V.S. Romanyuk, Director of PWI Experimental Design-Technological Bureau and V.I. Stepakhno, Director of Pilot Plant of Welding Equipment, were followed by greetings and warm congratulations for the Institute staff from the Presidium of the NAS of Ukraine (A. Shpak), Department of Physical and Technical Problems of Materials Science of the NAS of Ukraine (I.K. Pokhodnya), NTUU «Kiev Polytechnic Institute» (Yu.I. Yakimenko), Ministry of Industrial Policy (S.G. Grishchenko) and Chairman of Kiev Goloseevo District Administration (A.G. Neznal).

In conclusion a gala concert of merited performers and ensembles of Ukraine was held.