



# SECTION 17

In Memoriam

*Time and tide wait for no man and, unfortunately, our veterans pass away...  
but they remain in our memories forever.*

The head of the Professional Development and Training division of SIC ICWC, **Yusup Kh. Rysbekov** passed away on January 26.



After having graduated from Tashkent State University in Engineering Hydrology in 1977, Yu. Rysbekov worked at the Central Asian Irrigation Research Institute (SANIIRI) from engineer to senior researcher.

He successfully defended his thesis in 1986 and received the degree of Candidate of Technical Sciences.

Eight years (1995-2003) of active military service as a senior officer was an important milestone in his life.

He had been working at SIC ICWC as Assistant Director since 2004 and as the head of the Professional Development and Training division since 2010.

Mr. Rysbekov wrote 100 research and information-analytical papers on the issues related to sustainable development and regional cooperation on water and energy, published over 220 works on topical aspects of water management at national and

regional levels, including more than 80 works issued in international journals (German, Iran, Spain, Italy, Russia, US, Turkey, France and others).

Source: SIC ICWC

On February 20, the corresponding member of Tajikistan National Academy of Sciences (NAN RT), Ir. Dr., Prof. **Zainalobuddin V. Kobuliev** died suddenly at the age of just 60.



Prof. Kobuliev worked as the Director of the Institute of Water Problems, Hydropower and Ecology at the NAN RT since June 2009 till August 2020.

Source: SIC ICWC

On November 10, **Akylbek T. Sulaymanov** passed away at the age of 66.



A graduate of the Hydromelioration Faculty at the Kyrgyz Agricultural Institute named after K. I. Skryabin, Mr. Sulaymanov has worked in the field of water resources for more than 40 years.

Awardee for excellence in water management of the Kyrgyz Republic, he has been awarded with the certificates of appreciation from the Government, the Ministry of Water Management and Land Reclamation, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Department of Water Management and Land Reclamation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

He worked since 2012 until his death as the Head of the Water Management Department at the Water Resources Service of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Source: Water Resources Service of the Kyrgyz Republic

On October 10, **Abdulla Abirov**, a prominent Uzbek scientist, passed away.

He graduated from the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation Engineers and Agricultural Mechanization, Hydromelioration Faculty in 1962.

After the institute, Abdulla Abirov worked as a head of land reclamation brigade in Syrdarya region, chief engineer for irrigation of "Golodnostepstroy" trust, a group head of the "Sredazgiprovodkhopok" Institute.

Since 1967, he joined the "SANIIRI" Institute, where he worked his way from junior researcher to the head of department, defended (1980) his PhD thesis.

Mr. Abirov trained many young researchers, published a number of research papers on drainage and hydromelioration and several methodological guidelines.

**Source:** Research Institute of Irrigation and Water Problems

