

Dr. Artem Liashenko †



With great sadness, we announce that our colleague, Dr. Artem Liashenko, Deputy Director of the Institute of Hydrobiology Kyiv, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, has passed away.

Involved in IAD cooperation for over 30 years and IAD National Representative of Ukraine since 2012, his research interest was focused on benthic invertebrates, water quality, assessment of ecosystem status and biodiversity conservation. He participated in numerous national and international projects, being involved since 1981 in national investigations of Ukrainian ecosystems such as Dnieper, Dniester, Bug, as well as in transnational research cooperation on rivers Danube, Prut, Tisa, Danube Delta and the adjacent estuaries, etc.

For many years, he was the Head of the Danube Research Laboratory, participating in international projects aiming to enhance knowledge exchange and contribute to methods harmonization

in aquatic investigations. An example of IAD cooperation project was carried out between 2005–2007 in the Danube Delta in the frame of the SCOPES program, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, where the aquatic ecosystems in the Romanian and Ukrainian sides of the delta were jointly studied, allowing methods intercalibration and inter-comparability of results. Additional examples include the inter-academic exchanges between the research institutes belonging to the Academies of Sciences in Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine, facilitating research exchange and joint investigations of selected waterbodies. He was also interested in environmental education, training young colleagues in limnology science and fieldwork, communicating the output of scientific research at many international conferences, and translating and disseminating an IAD children's book in Ukrainian language. In 2022, on behalf of IHK, he should have been the lead organizer of the IAD conference in Kyiv, but unfortunately, this plan was stopped by the Russian invasion in Ukraine. And now, all the plans we made with Artem to continue the transnational cooperation and launch new research projects were stopped by his death.

He was a dedicated scientist, his activity comprising over 200 scientific publications, including articles in top-rated international journals, monographs, and invention patents. However, besides being a good scientist, he was also a great colleague, a cheerful and friendly person, and a mentor for younger generations of Ukrainian limnologists. May his soul rest in peace, we will surely miss him!

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