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Academician Dimitri Kaljo, Head of the Department of Bedrock Geology of the Institute of Geology at Tallinn Technical University and Head of the Section of Biology, Geology, and Chemistry of the Estonian Academy of Sciences, celebrated his seventieth birthday on 12 October 1998.

Dimitri Kaljo graduated from Gustav Adolf Gymnasium in Tallinn in 1948 and the University of Tartu in 1953. After taking his postgraduate course in the University of Tartu (1953–56), he obtained the Candidate (PhD) degree; in 1978 he was awarded the DSc degree in geology and mineralogy. He became professor of stratigraphy and palaeontology in

1986 and a member of the Estonian Academy of Sciences in 1983. He is and has been the member or leader of many international and national scientific bodies: Chairman of the Estonian National Committee of Geologists (1992–), Chairman of the Commission on Mineral Resources of Estonia (1990–), a member (1969–) and Chairman of the Estonian Stratigraphical Commission (1981–), a member of the Baltic Stratigraphical Association (before 1990 Regional Commission) (1969–), a voting member (1976–) and Chairman (1984–92) of the Subcommission on Silurian Stratigraphy (IUGS), Vice-President of the International Paleontological Association (1989–96) and International Association for the Study of Fossil Corals (1983–88), Chairman of the Silurian Commission of the Stratigraphic Committee of the former Soviet Union (1983–91), a.o.

Dimitri Kaljo is the author or coauthor of numerous scientific papers (about 180), published in different countries. In 1972 he became the Laureate of the State Prize of the Estonian SSR for the monograph *The Silurian of Estonia*. In 1987 he was elected Honorary Fellow of the Geological Society of London. The research work of D. Kaljo centres on problems of the Baltic bedrock geology, with main interests on Ordovician and Silurian tetracorals, stratigraphy, graptolite biostratigraphy and stratigraphy, and biotic events, in last years also on carbon isotope stratigraphy. His works are internationally well known.

The staff of the *Proceedings*, friends, and colleagues congratulate Dimitri Kaljo and wish him great success in future activities.

Anto RAUKAS and Rein VAIKMÄE