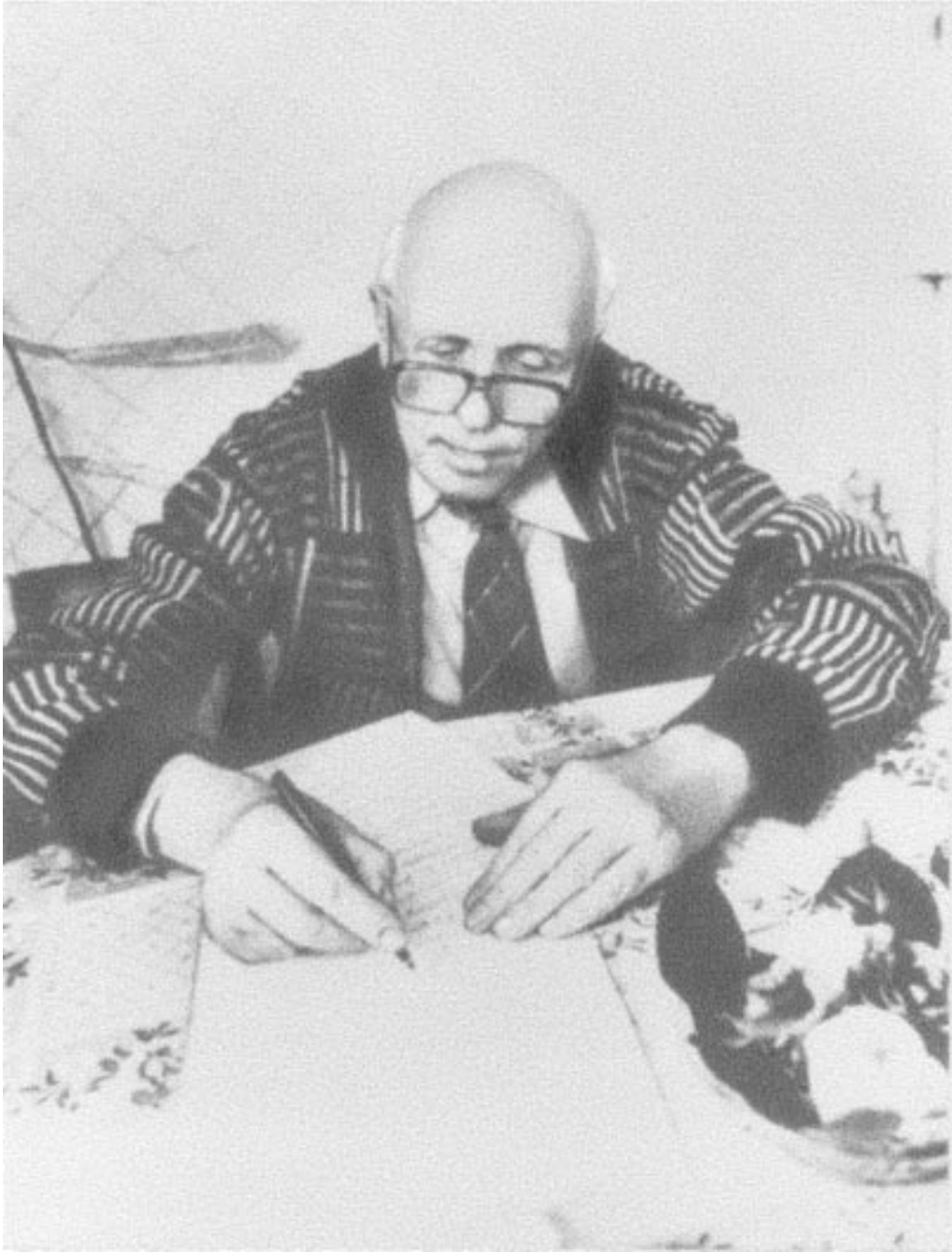


**On the 75th Anniversary
of Andreï Dmitrievich Sakharov's birth**



(1921 – 1989)



On 21th May 1996, Andreï Dmitrievich Sakharov would have been 75 years old. The eminent physicist and an outstanding citizen of our Motherland, he did not live long enough. His physical interests range from the Universe structure to the smallest in size particles of matter, and from purely theoretical problems to applied engineering-physics ones. He was triply awarded the honorary title of a Hero of Socialist Labor. Tackling the dramatic problems of nuclear weapons creation, he has yet plunged in a deep reverie of peaceful use of fusion energy. At the same time he deeply worried about the public tasks, human rights especially, being a genuine Man of the World. For outstanding public service he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Colleagues of A D Sakharov observe the jubilee date by the Second Sakharov's Conference on Physics held on 20 – 24 May 1996 at the P N Lebedev Institute of Physics.

Editorial Board of the Physics–Uspekhi devotes the present issue to the memory of Andreï Dmitrievich Sakharov by publishing the collected papers on problems which were tightly coupled with his scientific interests and were often based on his brilliant ideas.