

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO DOCTOR
OF PSYCHOLOGY, PROFESSOR
IRINA YUR"EVNA LEVCHENKO ON HER JUBILEE!**

Doctor of Psychology, Professor Irina Yur"evna Levchenko is well known in our country for her contribution to the study of the problems of learning, teaching and upbringing of children with developmental disorders. The many-sided scientific creative work of Irina Yur"evna reflects many aspects of social psychology, special pedagogy and adjacent sciences.

I. Y. Levchenko graduated from the Faculty of Psychology of the Lomonosov Moscow State University and for a number of years worked in the system of health care in the field of rehabilitation of children with musculoskeletal system disorders. The scientific-practical experience of work in the given direction was presented in her candidate and doctoral dissertations. For her study of children with cerebral palsy Irina Yur"evna was awarded the Silver Medal of VDNKh. Since 1993 the professional activity of I. Y. Levchenko has been connected with higher education. She headed a number of Departments, actively carried out training and retraining of specialists in defectology. Five doctoral and more than ten candidate dissertations have been defended under her scientific supervision.

For her outstanding merit and many years of active scientific-research and academic activity Irina Yur"evna Levchenko was awarded one of the highest honorary rewards of the pedagogical profession – the K.D. Ushinsky Medal.

At present, Professor I. Y. Levchenko is Head of the Laboratory of Inclusive Education of the Institute of Special Education and Complex Rehabilitation of the Moscow City Pedagogical University. She is member of the Psychology Committee of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, member of the Academic and Methodological Union in defectology, expert of the Ministry of Healthcare of the Russian Federation, scientific advisor of many experimental sites, founder and leader of the scientific-methodological journals “Special Pedagogy: Theory and Practice”, “Special Psychology” and “Practical

Defectology”.

Irina Yur"evna Levchenko is the author of numerous scientific works devoted to the study, teaching, education, social rehabilitation and adaptation of persons with developmental disorders, a number of educational programs of urgent and principally new specialties. The textbooks for students of higher and secondary pedagogical educational institutions written under her scientific guidance have been reprinted several times.

The Editorial Board of the scientific-methodological journal “Special Education”, colleagues, students and like-minded people congratulate Irina Yur"evna on her jubilee and wish her excellent health and new professional achievements!