



From left to right: JINR Director Academician V.G. Kadyshevsky, Head of the RF Federal Agency on Science and Innovations S.N. Mazurenko and elected new JINR Director A.N. Sissakian.

### **Elections in Dubna**

Dubna, 17 March. Elections of the Director of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) – an international intergovernmental scientific organisation of 18 countries - were held at the session of the Committee of Plenipotentiaries of the governments of the Institute Member States, under the chairmanship of the Head of the RF Federal Agency on Science and Innovations S.N. Mazurenko.

Alexei Norairovich Sissakian is elected new Director of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research. He is a famous scientist in the fields of elementary particle physics, theoretical and mathematical physics, full member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia, the author of more than 300 scientific papers and 5 collections of poems. A.N. Sissakian is the 5<sup>th</sup> JINR Director. JINR today is a large international centre where fundamental studies, applied research and educational programme develop successfully. For 50 years of its activities it has been headed by the following outstanding scientists: Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR D.I. Blokhintsev, Academician N.N. Bogoliubov, Hungarian Academician D. Kiss and Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences V.G. Kadyshevsky, who successfully headed the Institute from 1992.

Alexei Norairovich was born in October in 1944 in Moscow. In 1968, after having graduated from the Physics faculty of Moscow University named after M.V. Lomonosov, he started working at the Laboratory of Theoretical Physics, JINR. Beginning his career as a junior scientist, he has been working at JINR until now as Laboratory Director and Vice-Director of the Institute.

A.N. Sissakian is an acknowledged specialist in the field of physics of multiple particle production, an active participant in the preparation of scientific programmes and realisation of experiments at the U-70 accelerator in the Institute of High Energy Physics, at the JINR Nuclotron, in the European Centre for Nuclear Research in Geneva, at the National Fermi Laboratory (USA). He is an organiser of international conferences and schools on physics. A.N. Sissakian is Professor of Moscow State University, scientific leader of the chamber of high energy particles' physics at the Moscow Physics and Technology Institute, Honorary Doctor of universities. He was one of the initiators to open in Dubna an International University of Nature, Society and Man "Dubna".

He contributed greatly to the improvement of the JINR scientific base, renovation of the Institute as an open international centre, the development of scientific cooperation and training of young scientists

A.N. Sissakian is a member of national and international scientific councils, organisations and scientific editorial boards. He has been awarded with Orders of Honour, Friendship (RF) and orders, medals and scientific prizes of JINR Member States.