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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Vladimir O. Papitashvili, Ph.D., research scientist, Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences, College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on September 3, 2008.

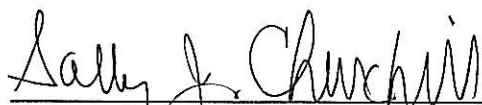
Educated in Russia, Dr. Papitashvili received his M.S. degree from the University of St. Petersburg in Leningrad in 1969, and his Ph.D. degree from IZMIRAN in Moscow in 1981. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1994 as a visiting research scientist. Later that year he was appointed associate research scientist, and he was promoted to research scientist in 1999.

Since his early research days in Moscow, Dr. Papitashvili has carried out his work in cold climates, from his first experimental and theoretical studies of electromagnetic properties of the permafrost sediments to his current management role as science director of the U.S. Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. The latter work has been conducted under the auspices of the National Science Foundation's Office of Polar Programs, where he has been on assignment as program director since 2002. During his career, he received the Outstanding Research Scientist Achievement Award from the University of Michigan's College of Engineering (2001), the Commemorative Medal on the 100th Anniversary of the Hurbanovo Geomagnetic Observatory from the Geophysical Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (2000), and the National Science Foundation's Antarctica Service Medal (1999).

In addition to his outstanding research record, Dr. Papitashvili has supported the scientific community through his professional service. He was a member of the Data Policy & Management Subcommittee, International Polar Year; the U.S. National Committee for the International Union of Geodesy & Geophysics; the executive committee of the International Association of Geomagnetism & Aeronomy (IAGA); and the IAGA representative to the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research. He is currently a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Atmospheric and Solar-Terrestrial Physics*.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scientist for his dedicated service by naming **Vladimir O. Papitashvili research scientist emeritus**.

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