

Borys Kit, an outstanding Belarusian mathematician, **1)** (**PHYSICS**), chemist, philosopher and educator who lived in Germany's Frankfurt am Main, died at the age of 107 in 2018. "Both Belarus and Belarusians around the world have the right to be proud of Dr. Kit, a celebrated **2)** (**SCIENCE**) and educator and a great patriot of his Fatherland," Alena Makowskaya, president of the Batskawshchyna World Association of Belarusians, said in an interview with BelaPAN.

Borys Kit was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, on April 6, 1910. His family soon moved to the village of Ogorodniki, which was his father's home town (now the town of Korelichy, Grodno region).

A graduate of the Novogrudok (Navahrudak) Lyceum and the University of Vilno, he served as a teacher and later as a director of Vilno's Belarusian Lyceum, which he managed to move to Novogrudok at the beginning of World War II.

During the 1941-44 Nazi **3)** (**OCCUPY**) of Belarus, Dr. Kit worked as a teacher in the village of Lebedevo near Molodyech - no and later as the principal at the Postavy Teachers College. Although he never collaborated with the Nazis, the **4)** (**RESEARCH**) had to flee Belarus, fearing the Stalinist terror. He moved to Germany first and later settled down in the United States.

In the mid-1950s, Borys Kit began his **5)** (**SCIENCE**) activities in the field of astronautics. He worked for the US space **6)** (**SEARCH**) program for 25 years. As a mathematician and systems analyst, he took part in projects aimed at the **7)** (**DEVELOP**) of inter-continental rocket systems. He also worked in the planning division on several space projects, which later were used in the Apollo mission to the moon and on the Shuttle spaceship project. Since 1958, Dr. Kit worked at the US Astronautics Bureau as a state **8)** (**ADVISE**) and expert in **9)** (**NATIONAL**) astronautics.

Dr. Kit, whom Belarusian **10)** (**LITERATURE**) great Vasil Bykov called Belarusian Number One in the world, had lived in Frankfurt am Main since 1972.