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ACADEMICIAN V.P. GLUSHKO AND NAMES ON THE MAP OF MOON

Abstract

Role of academician V.Glushko in work on naming formations on far side of Moon is great. It is known that this work became possible after flights of "Luna 3" in 1959 and then "ZOND-3" in 1965, which photographed invisible side of Moon. First list of names on far side of Moon was prepared and proposed by Commission on space toponymy of USSR in composition of S.Korolev, V.Glushko, M.Keldysh, etc. In 1961, it was approved by International Astronomical Union. In summer of 1967, next General Assembly of International Astronomical Union was held in Prague. Soviet team proposed new list of names of outstanding persons of science and technology for lunar formations. On advice of V.Glushko, it includes more than hundred names of domestic and foreign scientists and designers who have made a significant contribution to development of space research. V.Glushko provided significant assistance in completing work on second part of "Atlas of far side of Moon", when after death of S.Korolev, team that worked on this work lost both scientific-organizational and financial support of new OKB-1 management. With Glushko's help, this second part, dedicated to memory of S.Korolev, was published in 1967. In same year, Nauka publishing house released world's first Complete map of Moon and Full globe of Moon. On first page of second part of Atlas of far side of Moon, academician V.Glushko made following memorable remark: "To GDL-OKB Museum. In total, 46 names of people who made a contribution to development of ideas of space flight, rocket science and their implementation are immortalized. These include: 8 GDL employees; 11 GDL-OKB employees who worked under my supervision; 2 GIRD employees; 5 RNII employees; and three science fiction writers (see appendices). 19.7.67 V.P.Glushko". In the Appendix, V.Glushko noted several categories: "persons who have made contributions to cosmonautics and rocket science (Van Gu, Zhukovsky, Kibalchich, Wells, Zander, Jules Verne, Tsiolkovsky, Bergerac, etc); employees of GDL and RNII (Bakhchivandzhi, Kleymenov, Langemak, Petropavlovsky, Tikhomirov, Artemyev, Ilyin); employees of GDL-OKB who worked under my leadership (Zhiritsky, Korolev, Chernyshev, Alekhin, Artamonov, etc)". Note the fact that according to current regulations on naming on map of Moon, they could only be assigned in memory of scientists and specialists who had already passed away, which created its own peculiarities when forming list of candidates. The report provides biographies of some of these people whose names are assigned to craters on Moon.