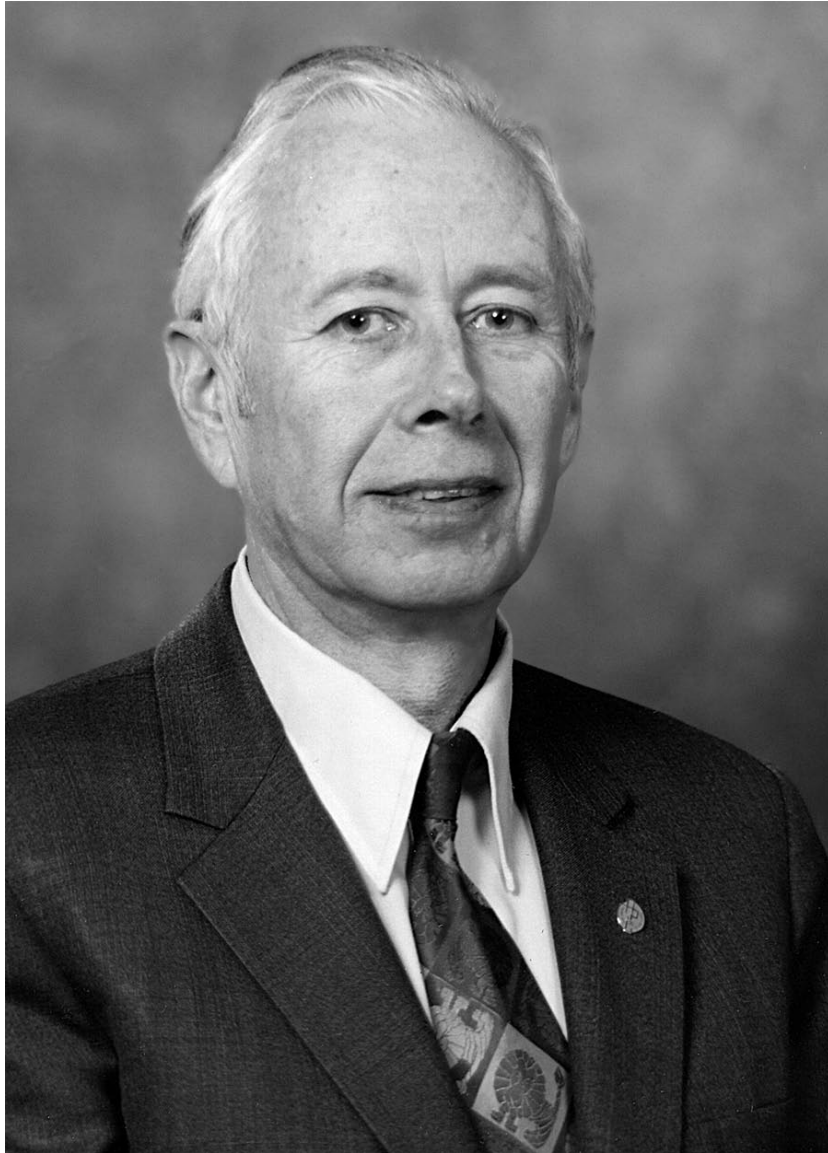


Alexander Kossiakoff (1914–2005)



Alexander Kossiakoff, fourth Director of the Applied Physics Laboratory, died on 6 August 2005. The following pages of the *Digest* contain a two-part memorial dedicated to Kossy. The first part has been extracted and adapted from a previously unpublished manuscript by Ralph Gibson, third Director of APL. The piece was originally written on the occasion of Kossy's retirement as Director in 1980. When Dr. Gibson died in 1983, Kossy wrote a memorial vignette that appeared in the *Digest*. Publication of Dr. Gibson's tribute to Kossy brings a kind of symmetry to bear on their mutual respect and admiration. The second part of the memorial was written by Samuel Seymour, Vice Chair for JHU's Technical Management and Systems Engineering programs, and James Teesdale, Director of the APL Education Center. They chronicle Kossy's APL service after his transition from Director to Chief Scientist and his devotion to education through development of the Technical Management and Systems Engineering programs.

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