

DR. BORIS PREGEL, EX-HEAD OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Dr. Boris Pregel, president of the New York Academy of Sciences in 1958 and the holder of patents involving radioactive materials, died Tuesday in Mount Sinai Hospital. He lived at 1 West 67th Street and was 83 years old.

Dr. Pregel was also chairman of the academy's board of trustees from 1959 to 1965 and was honorary chairman of its board of governors. In 1966 he became president of the American division of the World Academy of Art and Science, a post he held at his death.

A native of Russia, Dr. Pregel was the founder and first president of Conrad-Hanovia Inc. of Newark, a manufacturer of ultraviolet equipment, and was its honorary chairman and a board member. He was also a vice president of the American Geographic Society.

He was the author of numerous scientific articles, including "Peacetime Uses of Atomic Energy" and "Energy, Economy, Society and Transition," appearing in the Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology's second edition.

Among the awards Dr. Pregel received were gold medals from the Association of Doctors and Engineers of France, the French Professional Engineers and the City of Paris. He also was an officer of the Legion of Honor of France.

Dr. Pregel is survived by his wife, the former Alexandra Avxentieff, and a brother, Alexander.

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