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Russia's railway industry, the *Transport Technician: Education and Practice* and *BRICS Transport* journals have suffered a grievous loss: **Olga V. Starykh**, Director of the Training and Methodology Centre for Railway Transport Education (Federal State Educational Institution of Additional Professional Education), Deputy Chairperson of the Editorial Board of the *BRICS Transport* journal, Honorary Worker of Higher Professional Education of the Russian Federation, died unexpectedly on June 30, 2025.

A 1976 graduate of the Vladimir Obratsov Leningrad Institute of Railway Engineers, a railway civil engineer, Candidate of Engineering Sciences, Ms. Olga V. Starykh came a long way working in railway enterprises. In 1987, she became the head of the Training and Methodology Centre for Railway Transport Education where she served as Director until her last day, proving herself to be a highly professional, proactive, creative, responsible and conscientious leader.

Ms. Olga V. Starykh was fully committed and directly contributed to the development and implementation of professional training programmes for higher and secondary vocational education. For many years, she successfully led the efforts to develop learning and teaching documentation for secondary vocational education institutions under the jurisdiction of the Federal Agency for Railway Transport (Roszheldor). Her services to the cause of training and upgrading of skills of academic teaching staff in railway schools are prominent. She led the publishing of study books and materials in railway specialties for higher and secondary vocational education institutions.

Ms. Olga V. Starykh was directly involved in the establishment of two important journals of the railway industry, the *Transport Technician: Education and Practice* and *BRICS Transport*, and she put a lot of her focus on publishing them.

Ms. Olga V. Starykh was awarded the "Honorary Railwayman" badge and the Pyotr Gubonin medal of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, and her life's journey is a spectacular example of both conscientious, honest attitude towards work and of service to homeland.

The memory of Ms. Olga V. Starykh will remain with us in higher and secondary vocational education institutions for railway transport, manifesting itself in the activities of their graduates whose training and education were greatly improved through her efforts.

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