# World scientists about Boris Chirikov (short notes):

## Joe Ford (Georgia Tech) December 18, 1986

«.. your fame has grown and the number of your visits to the West have remained small, you have become something of a "cult" figure. When your name comes up in a crowd of chaos workers (as it inevitably does), the majority who do not know you personally begin to show signs of envy towards those few who do. Stories about Chirikov are told and retold, eventually by people who only claim to know you but do not. ... You have become a legend in your own time by simply not being around!»

## Allan Lichtenberg (Berkeley) February 12, 2008

"Boris Chirikov was essentially the founder of Hamiltonian Chaos Theory. I, like many of you, were very much indebted to him for his inspiration and the centrality of his work to our own research."

## Ian Percial (Qween Mary College London) February 12, 2008

"We all owe so much to him scientifically. It is rare to have such scientific distinction combined with such a warm personality. He was a example for us all."

## Oriol Bohigas (CNRS, Orsay) February 12, 2008

"He has represented for me, for many years, an example of how rich a physicist life may be. His insight, his passion for knowledge, were incomparable. Always alert and with a fresh view, also with humour, he faced old and new problems."

## Andy Sessler (Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory) February 12, 2008

"Naturally, being as talented as he was, he developed the concept and soon had launched a whole field of science (non-linear dynamics)."

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