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- Diploma of Honor, National Petroleum Engineering Society. *For Outstanding Contributions to the Petroleum Industry*, 1995.
- Gold Medal of the Russian Academy of Sciences. *For Outstanding Work in the Area of Petroleum Science*. 1996.
- Specialist Invitation Program Speakers Award from NEDO (New Energy Development Organization, Government of Japan). *For Excellence in Coal Research*. 1987.
- Specialist Invitation Program Speakers Award from NEDO (New Energy Development Organization, Government of Japan). *For Excellence in Coal Research*. 1996.
- Einstein Medal of the Russian Academy of Sciences. *In recognition of Outstanding Contributions and Service in the field of Geologic Sciences*. 2001.
- Gold Medal – Scientists without Frontiers, Russian Academy of Sciences. *In recognition of Continuous Encouragement of Scientists to Work Together across International Borders*. 2005.

- Methanex Distinguished Professor, University of Trinidad and Tobago. *In Recognition of Excellence in Research*. 2006.
- Gold Medal – Giants of Science and Engineering, Russian Academy of Sciences. *In recognition of Continued Excellence in Science and Engineering*. 2006.