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He received an honorary doctorate from Moscow State University in 1987 and the Henry de Wolf Smyth Award from the American Nuclear Society in 1988. In 1997, he was awarded the Gold Medal for distinguished service in the field of nuclear affairs by the Uranium Institute, the predecessor to the World Nuclear Association. In 2001, he became Honorary Chairman of the World Nuclear Association. He also serves as Chancellor of the World Nuclear University.