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Professor Victor S. Koscheyev is a member of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Department of Integrative Biology and Physiology and Director, Laboratory for Health and Human Performance in Extreme Environments. Prior to coming to the United States in 1992, he was actively involved in the areas of disaster medicine and space in the former Soviet Union. He has unparalleled experience in disaster management and health surveillance of large populations exposed to various types of radioactive, biological, and chemical contamination. He was one of the first medical officers at Chernobyl, dealing with health management of the general population, power plant operators, and clean-up workers. He subsequently organized and served as first director of the Specialized Center for Disaster Medicine “Protection” in Moscow. He was also Department Head of the Russian Institute of Biophysics Ph.D. program in disaster medicine. Professor Koscheyev has been invited to participate in a number of federal and regional government and non-government committees and workshops in the general area of radiation contamination, including a Bioterrorism Threat Assessment and Risk Management Workshop sponsored by the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Center for Nonproliferation Studies. He has also participated on planning and evaluation committees for radiation disaster exercises carried out in Minnesota. Currently, Dr. Koscheyev is a Board member of the World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM) and heads the WADEM CBRNE task force. He also continues to conduct research to develop more effective protective garments for astronauts, firefighters, and other personnel dealing with hazardous materials.