

LIKHTMAN, EVGENY PINKHASOVICH (b. Jan. 12, 1946, Moscow, USSR) together with *Yuri Golfand* constructed the first four-dimensional supersymmetric field theory, supersymmetric quantum electrodynamics with the mass term of the photon/photino fields, plus two chiral matter supermultiplets [1] (a more detailed version was published in [2]). Likhtman was the first to observe that the vacuum energy vanishes in supersymmetric field theories. On page 8 of [4] one can read, in particular: “As is known, in relativistic quantum field theory, in transforming the free energy operator to the normal-ordered form there emerges an infinite term which is interpreted as the vacuum energy. It is also known that the sign of this term is different for the particles subject to the Bose and Fermi statistics. The number of the boson states is always equal to the number of the fermion states. From this it follows that the infinite positive energy of the boson states in any of the representations of the [super-Poincaré] algebra is annihilated by the infinite negative energy of the fermion states.”

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