

ACADEMICIAN G. N. DOLENKO SEVENTY YEARS OLD

On 24 February 1987, Academician G. N. Dolenko, Laureate of the Ukrainian S.S.R. State Prize, an outstanding Soviet geologist dealing with theoretical problems of oil geology, such as genesis of oil and natural gas formation, their migration, regularities of oil and gas deposits formation and distribution, lived to his 70 years.

Academician G. N. Dolenko was born on 24 February 1917 in peasant's family at the village of Gaivka (Kirovograd region). In 1940 he finished his study at the Geological-Geographical Faculty of Gorky State University of Kharkov. After finishing his university study he was dealing with oil deposits exploration in Krasnodar region till the beginning of the Great Patriotic War.

After outbreak of the Great Patriotic War he served as second lieutenant in the Red Army. But in 1942 he was demobilized on the basis of decision of the State Committee for Defence of the U.S.S.R. and he was employed at Ministry of Oil Industry of the U.S.S.R. which sent him out to Volga region to help in exploration of oil deposits.

In 1945 he was sent out to Austria where he worked at the Soviet Oil Committee as chief geologist in prospection of oil and natural deposits in the Vienna basin. Exploration and prospection works were carried out under his leadership in the Vienna basin. They culminated in discovery of one of the most important oil deposits in Europe — Matzen deposit and others.

Then he worked as chief geologist in the trust of Ukrneftazvedka at Lvov where he took part in discovery of the following significant deposits of oil and natural gas: Dolinsk, Severodolinsk, Novobitkovsk, etc.

Devoting much energy to solution of practical problems of oil geology, G. N. Dolenko was very much interested in the questions of scientific research. Success in this sphere accelerated his passing to the Institute of Raw Materials Geology of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences (the present Institute of Geology and Geochemistry of Fuels, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences) in 1952, at which he worked as a vice-director (1958—1963) and later as a director (1964—1982). In 1964 he was elected Corresponding Member of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences and in 1979 Academician.

Academician G. N. Dolenko took place in many CBGA congresses, he was member of various committees at Ministry of Oil Industry of the U.S.S.R. and in Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. He was member of commission for defence of theses and D. Sc. dissertations, member of scientific councils and the U.S.S.R. National Committee. He was awarded Order of Red Flag of Labour (1971).

Life of Academician G. N. Dolenko is characterized by rich publishing activity. He wrote 12 monographs, he edited 25 geological volumes and published over 400 scientific works.

Academician G. N. Dolenko is an old friend of Czechoslovak geologists, together with them he solved common problems of the West Carpathian region. Not even at present he avoids scientific work aimed at tectonic problems as a member of the Committee on Tectonics of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences and since 1986 as a member of scientific council of the Lithosphere Problem solved within Department of Earth Sciences of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.

Slovak Geological Society, workers of Geological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and geological public wish Academician G. N. Dolénko strong health, contentment, good humour, a lot of energy, élan to work and further success in his scientific work in the future years.

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В ПАМЯТЬ Д. Н. АНДРУСОВА

По случаю 90ой годовщины рождения академика Дмитрия Николаевича Андрусова, мы вспоминаем с уважением о нашем учителе, основателе современной геологии Карпатской системы об учителе новой генерации словацких геологов, об основателе Кафедры геологии и палеонтологии Университета им. Коменского, так как Словацкого геологического общества; об основателе Геологического института Словацкой академии наук и тоже нашего журнала — Геологического сборника.

Одновременно мы вспоминаем с уважением о его отце, Николаи Ивановиче Андрусове, пионере исследования третичного периода во всей восточной Европе и западной Азии; его сегодня высоко ценят не только в Советском Союзе, но тоже во всем мире. Он умер в 1924 г. и похоронен на кладбище Олшаны в Праге.

Наше самое высокое уважение относится к их пионеркой и творческой работе, которая служит для нашей и будущей генерации ярким примером исследовательского подъема для блага прогресса мировой науки.

Как ценный памятник мы публикуем титульную страницу публикации Николая Андрусова с историческим значением — "Le Pliocène de la Russie Méridionale d'après les recherches récentes" — корректуру которой сделал (после смерти Николая Андрусова) своим известным почерком и отметками уже наш учитель Дмитрий Андрусов.

IN MEMORIAM

At the occasion of the 90th birth anniversary of Academician Dimitri Nikolaievich Andrusov, we celebrate with respect the memory of our teacher, the founder of modern geology of the Carpathian system, the teacher of a new generation of Slovak geologists, the founder of the Department of Geology and Paleontology of the Comenius University, as well as Slovak Geological Society; the founder of the Geological Institute of Slovak Academy of Sciences and also of our journal — Geologický Zborník.

At the same time we remember with respect his father, Nikolai Ivanovich Andrusov, a pioneer of Tertiary investigations in all East Europe and West Asia; he is today highly esteemed not only in the Soviet Union, but in all world. He died in 1924 and is buried on the Olšany cemetery in Prague.

Our highest respect belongs to the pioneering and creative work of these scientists, which is to our and the next generation a shining example of an explorer's enthusiasm to the benefit of progress of world science.

As a valuable historical object we publish the title page of Nikolai Andrusov's publication of historical importance — "Le Pliocène de la Russie Méridionale d'après les recherches récentes" — the proof-reading of which was carried out (after Nikolai Andrusov's death) in his well-known hand-writing and notes, already by our teacher, Dimitri Andrusov.

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