



GEORGE I. POLJANSKY (1904-1993) 100 Anniversary of Birthday

Professor George Ivanovich Poljansky was born in March 15, 1904 in St. Petersburg, Russia. The biologists and protozoologists all over the world have still remembered him as a splendid researcher and man. The 100 anniversary of his birthday was celebrated in March 2004 at the Institute of Cytology, Russian Academy of Sciences, in St. Petersburg. Workers of the Institute, very often previous students of Professor, organized of a day session. The organization of the meeting at this place is of special significance. Professor Poljansky, more than a half of the century before, was actively engaged in organizing the Institute of Cytology. For 30 years he headed the Laboratory of Cytology of Unicellular Organisms, holding simultaneously the post of Vice-Director of the Institute. He was emotionally connected with this place working as a scientist, but especially as a teacher. He had over 60 graduated students and was the author or co-author of over 300 scientific papers, cooperating with scientists from Russia and other countries.

Moreover he was actively engaged in the activities of different societies and organizations in Russia and abroad. He was the honorary member of The Zoological Society and The Protozoological Society in France, the American Society of Protozoology and Czechoslovak Zoological Society. Very often his activity was awarded; he obtained a bronze medal of the France Zoological Society, Rudolph Luckart Medal of The Parasitological Society in

Germany, the Mikołaj Kopernik Medal of Polish Academy of Sciences. His contributions to biological sciences and especially to protozoology was also noticed and awarded in Russia.

Professor Poljansky was the editor and member of the Editorial Boards of many scientific journals in Russia and in other countries, including Polish *Acta Protozoologica*. We, as the editors and biologists, very often availed ourselves of his help and advice. His knowledge and additionally the fancy to our journal were for us of a special value.

Professor Poljansky participated in many congresses, symposia and scientific meetings. Last time he attended Warsaw in October 1987 as the honorary guest of the session organized on the 100 anniversary of Leon Cienkowski death. Professor Poljansky, during his appearance, presented a lot of interesting facts concerning Cienkowski's activity in Russia. The picture, which begins this recollection, derived exactly from this meeting.

The death of Professor Poljansky, of note biologist and friendly and gallant men was a severe loss. It was a splendid idea to recollect, on the occasion of Professor Poljansky 100 anniversary of birthday, himself and his achievements.

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