

The eminent Soviet pathologist Corresponding Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR Professor Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Solov'ev died on December 4, 1967 in his 75th year.

He began his scientific career in 1921 in the department of pathological anatomy of the Institute of Experimental Medicine, under Academician N. N. Anichkov's direction. In 1932 he became head of laboratory in the same department, and in 1935 he took charge of the laboratory of pathomorphology in the department of general pathology of the All-Union Institute of Experimental Medicine, and later of the Institute of General and Experimental Pathology of the AMN SSSR. His researches there developed the concept of nervous influences in pathology along the lines of A. D. Speranskii's work. More recently, A. A. Solov'ev was head of the laboratory of pathomorphology at the Institute of Normal and Pathological Physiology of the AMN SSSR.

The field of A. A. Solov'ev's researches covered many aspects of general pathology, including such important problems as atherosclerosis, the pathology of infection, and experimental oncology. It is his work in connection with these problems which stands out above the rest of his activities. One of the characteristic features of Aleksandr Aleksandrovich's research was that he studied the general principles governing the development of various pathological processes. Using different experimental models he demonstrated the importance of the neurodystrophic component in pathology. He paid particular attention to the study of the early stages of development of disease.

A. A. Solov'ev's work has gained wide acclaim both in the Soviet Union and elsewhere.

Aleksandr Aleksandrovich spent many years in teaching when he was head of the department of pathological anatomy of the Moscow Stomatologic Institute (1939-1950). Both in the department and in the laboratory he paid great attention to training young scientists. Under his guidance more than 20 dissertations for the degrees of Candidate and Doctor of Sciences were defended. Many of his pupils now direct research work in the institutions of the Soviet Union.

Besides his intensive scientific and teaching activities, A. A. Solov'ev undertook considerable work on behalf of professional societies. He was a member of the scientific committees of several institutes of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR and a member of the coordinating committee of that academy for oncology; he was more than once elected member of the bureau of the medico-biological section of the AMN SSSR. As an outstanding specialist in morphology, for many years, A. A. Solov'ev directed and edited the section of morphology in the journal "Bulletin of Experimental Biology and Medicine." His reviews were exceptionally profound and based on scientific principles.



For his great services to scientific research and teaching and for his work for professional societies A. A. Solov'ev was awarded the Order of Lenin and several medals.

He was an unusually kind and high-principled man, a cultured and erudite scientist. He constantly sought to achieve new discoveries and generously shared his knowledge and his wide experience with his young colleagues.

All who knew Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Solov'ev will long treasure the memory of this charming and most modest man.

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