

CHRONICLES

FIRST LECTURES IN MEMORY OF S. A. GILLER

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Scientific lectures devoted to the memory of the founder and, for many years, the director of the Institute, Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the Latvian SSR (AS Latvian SSR) S. A. Giller, were given on January 15, 1976 in the Institute of Organic Synthesis (IOS) of the AS Latvian SSR. Chemists, biologists, physicians, and leading workers of the chemical enterprises of Riga participated in them. In a brief introductory message, the director of the IOS of the AS Latvian SSR, Corresponding Member of the AS Latvian SSR G. I. Chipens, gave a general evaluation of the scientific and scientific-organizational services of S. A. Giller.

In his paper the editor-in-chief of *Khimiya Geterotsiklicheskikh Soedinenii* (Chemistry of Heterocyclic Compounds) Academician of the AS Latvian SSR Ya. P. Stradyn gave a detailed outline of the life and scientific activity of S. A. Giller and made a thorough analysis of all of the aspects of his diversified activity. The speaker particularly emphasized that S. A. Giller was the initiator of the creation of the All-Union journal *Khimiya Geterotsiklicheskikh Soedinenii* and was its editor-in-chief for 10 years.

M. Yu. Lidak delivered a paper that gave a review and evaluation of the scientific research of S. A. Giller and described his contribution to the development of the chemistry of furan and nitrogen-containing heterocycles and to the creation and industrial incorporation of new biologically active compounds for medicine, veterinary science, and agriculture.

A documentary film devoted to the memory of S. A. Giller was shown at the end of the session.

Scientific lectures in memory of S. A. Giller will henceforth be held in January of every other year; it is assumed that organic chemists from Riga and prominent scientists of the above-named sectors from other scientific centers will present original communications on the chemistry of heterocyclic compounds and medicinal chemistry in them. Symposia on "The molecular-biological and biochemical aspects of the creation of new physiologically active compounds," which will also be conducted in Riga in January of every other year, will become another tradition. The foundation for this tradition was laid during S. A. Giller's life by the holding of the first symposium-discussion of this sort on January 17-18, 1975, in Riga in the Institute of Organic Synthesis.

The memorial lectures attracted the wide attention of the scientific community, were a tribute to the respect held for the late Academician S. A. Giller, and also showed prospects for the further development of the scientific trends begun under his supervision.

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