

## FIRST MOSCOW CONFERENCE ON ORGANIC CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

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The first conference of chemists from Moscow and environs on organic chemistry and technology for the preparation of organic substances was held in Moscow at the Polytechnic Museum from 17-18 November, 1976; 170 papers were presented during the conference. Papers on the synthesis of derivatives of furan [A. F. Oleinik, S. Ordzhonikidze All-Union Scientific-Research Pharmaceutical-Chemistry Institute (AUSRPCI)], pyridones [V. G. Granik (AUSRPCI)], azaadamantanes [B. V. Unkovskii, M. V. Lomonosov Moscow Institute of Fine Chemical Technology (MIFCT)], spiropyrans (M. A. Gal'bershtam, Scientific-Research Institute of Organic Intermediates and Dyestuffs), aminoquinazolines [L. N. Yakhontov (AUSRPCI)], and a number of condensed structures (A. F. Bekhli, P. M. Kochergin, T. S. Safonova, et al.) were presented in the section devoted to the chemistry of heterocyclic and natural compounds. Interest was generated by reports by B. V. Unkovskii and co-workers (MIFCT) on a new synthesis of tetrahydropyridines by the reaction of dienes with methylenebisurethanes, by K. A. Kochetkov [Institute of Heteroorganic Compounds of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR (IHC)] on syntheses by the reaction of nitro compounds with immonium salts, and by Yu. A. Baskakov (All-Union Scientific-Research Institute for Chemicals Used for Plant Protection) on covalent hydration in quinazolines.

Among the papers devoted to physicochemical methods for the investigation of substances, one should note the report by V. N. Knyazev (Timiryazev Agricultural Academy) on spirocyclic Meisenheimer complexes, by I. A. Abronin [V. I. Lenin Moscow State Pedagogical Institute (LMSPI)] on the quantum-chemical study of mesoionic character, by E. E. Milliari (LMSPI) on the electronic spectra of nitrocarbazoles and tetrahydroquinolines, and by S. Z. Taits and co-workers (N. D. Zelinskii Institute of Organic Chemistry) on the development of technology for the isolation of benzothiophene from coal tar fractions.

A. N. Kost gave a review lecture on cationotropic reactions involving heteroaromatic compounds.

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