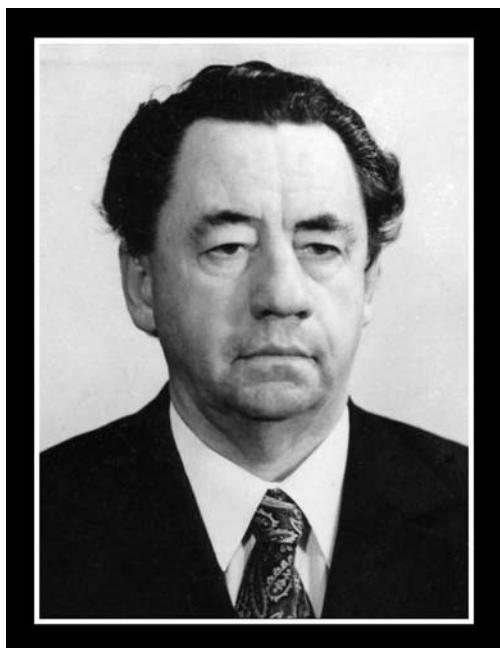


## Arkadii Nikolaevich Pudovik (15.03.1916–23.02.06)

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Arkadii Nikolaevich Pudovik is one among the most outstanding members of the Kazan Chemical School, Doctor of Chemical Science, Professor, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Emeritus Member of the Tatarstan Academy of Sciences, winner of Lenin Prize and International Arbuzov Prize. All his life and scientific activity was part and parcel of Kazan and Kazan University. He graduated from Kazan University as a disciple of Academician B.A. Arbuzov and successfully continued the research of the Kazan Chemical School.

Arkadii Nikolaevich contributed a lot to the organo-element chemistry and other chemical fields of research. In 1948, in the Chemical Department of the Kazan State University was opened a Chair of Synthetic Rubber with active participation of Professor Pudovik who was the head of the Chair uninterruptedly for 40 years. Under his guidance the Chair jointly with the Laboratory of monomers developed into a powerful scientific and educational team. Among over 600 chemists graduated from the Chair within 58 years over 250 became Candidates of Science and about 40 Doctors of Science.

From the start in 1946 of organization of the Academy of Sciences Kazan Division Professor Pudovik became a member of its staff. He founded in the Arbuzov Institute of Organic and Physical Chemistry a laboratory of organoelement chemistry, in 1971 became the Director of the Institute and remained in this position till 1988. During this time new courses of research were developed under his guidance corresponding to the most promising trends in the contemporary chemistry, new medical preparations were developed, chemicals for plant protection, materials for military and defense purposes. The material basis of the Institute was strengthened, new unique research equipment was acquired, and new buildings were constructed.

The principal heritage and treasure of A.N. Pudovik is his scientific school, his disciples and followers who are successfully developing the traditions of the Kazan Chemical School. Just to this goal was dedicated the life of A.N. Pudovik. He was an excellent teacher and under his guidance grew several generations of gifted disciples, among them over 100 Candidates of Sciences and 23 Doctors of Sciences. This achievement was due both to the outstanding personal qualities of A.N. Pudovik, a bright scientist and man, and to the high level of the school he created by cautious selection and educating of the most talented among his pupils.

Alongside the versatile scientific and practical activity A.N. Pudovik successfully carried out public duties: He was a member of Scientific Councils of the Academy of Sciences on chemistry, a member of Expert Committee of the State Attesting Committee, the Chairman of the specialized Council for defending dissertations at Kazan University, a member of several Editorial Boards of Russian and international Journals, and the Chairman of the Tatarstan Republic directory of the Mendeleev Chemical Society. A.N. Pudovik was awarded with State Orders of Labor Red Banner, October Revolution, Merits of the State (IV grade), and with medals. He is a Honorary Freeman of Kazan.

Arkadii Nikolaevich died on February 23, 2006, just several days before his 90th anniversary. Blessed memory of Arkadii Nikolaevich Pudovik will remain forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.