



ANATOLII ALEKSEEVICH POTEKHIN

(On the occasion of his 65th Birthday)

Professor Anatolii Alekseevich Potekhin, head of the Department of Organic Chemistry at St. Petersburg State University, celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday on May 12, 2003. He holds the degree of Doctor of Chemical Sciences and has been honored for his work in higher education. Prof. Potekhin is a member of the Editorial board of *Khimiya Geterotsiklicheskikh Soedinenii*.

Professor Potekhin entered the Faculty of Organic Chemistry in 1957 and as a third-year student began his scientific work under the direction of Prof. K. A. Ogloblin. Since then, his whole life has been tied to this faculty.

Upon graduation in 1960, Prof. Potekhin embarked on graduate study. In 1963, before completion of his dissertation for the degree of Candidate of Chemical Sciences, he started to teach students, these activities being now continued for more than 40 years. In 1964, he defended his dissertation on the reaction of α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds with nitrosyl chloride.

Then, Prof. Potekhin's interests turned to the chemistry of functionally-substituted hydrazines, hydrazides, and hydrazones, reversible and irreversible cyclizations, synthesis, and the reactivity of saturated polyazoheterocycles. The synthetic potential and regioselectivity of the opening of three-membered heterocycles such as thiiranes and aziridines were studied in detail in work on the synthesis of functionally-substituted hydrazines. In recent years, Prof. Potekhin has also directed research on the synthesis and reactivity of aromatic heterocycles.

In 1989, Prof. Potekhin defended his doctoral dissertation on the chemistry of functionally-substituted hydrazines and hydrazones and became head of the Department of organic chemistry.

Prof. Potekhin is the author of more than 150 scientific papers, including a monograph, *The Chemistry of Organic Hydrazine Derivatives* [in Russian], coauthored together with B. V. Ioffe and M. A. Kuznetsov. He was the editor of the handbook, *Properties of Organic Compounds* [in Russian], which has proved popular with organic chemists. Prof. Potekhin has invested considerable effort and time on the translation of chemistry books into Russian. He was the translation or translation editor for many publications, including the well-known book by [Foreign name], *Complex Hydrides in Organic Chemistry* [Russian translation].

Professor Potekhin has made a significant contribution to the founding and advancement of *Khimiya Geterotsiklicheskikh Soedinenii* and has been a member of the Editorial board of this journal since its first issue.

In over 40 years, Prof. Potekhin has prepared tens of highly qualified chemists, who are now working successfully throughout the world. Among his students are three docents of the Department of Organic Chemistry at St. Petersburg State University and other institutions of higher education in Russia.

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Professor Potekhin has headed a large team of scientific editors virtually from the inception of *Khimiya Geterotsiklicheskikh Soedinenii* and has instructed young editors. He has actively participated in establishing Rules for Authors and has strictly assured adherence to them. Prof. Potekhin has made a huge contribution to maintaining the high level of this journal and high qualifications of the editorial staff.

The board of editors, editor, authors, and readers of this journal heartily congratulate Prof. Potekhin on his birthday and wish him many years of productive work, happiness, and good health.