

IN MEMORIAM



Vasilii Viktorovich SHCHEPIN
(June 13, 1950 – February 18, 2007)

Vasilii Viktorovich Shchepin was born in Perm on July 13, 1950. In 1972 he graduated from the Chemical Faculty of Perm State University, while in 1975 he became a post-graduate student under the leadership of Prof. I. I. Lapkin, the celebrated figure of science and technology of the Russian Federation. In 1977 V. V. Shchepin defended a candidate's thesis on "Investigation of the Reactions of Halogenomagnesium Alkoxy-carbinolates with the Chlorides of Mono- and Dicarboxylic Acids". His entire life was inseparably linked with Perm University. From 1976 to 1978 he was a scientific co-worker at the laboratory of radiospectroscopy in the Natural Science Institute of Perm University, in 1979-1988 he was an assistant and in 1989-1996 an Assistant Professor at the Department of Organic Chemistry of Perm University. In 1996 he defended a doctoral thesis on "Synthesis and Reactions of Halogen-containing Zinc and Silicon Enolates with Electrophilic Reagents". In 1997 he was a Professor and from 1998 the Head of the Department of Organic Chemistry of Perm University.

Shchepin's brilliant teaching and lecturing talent became apparent during course lectures on "Organic Chemistry" and also during special courses on "Chemistry of Heteroorganic Compounds" and "Intensified Course of Organic Chemistry". He published textbooks "Organic Chemistry" in two parts and "Organic Chemistry: Control Tasks for Independent Work by Students". Perfectly compiled with well-presented material these teaching aids will for long years provide the independent support for students at the Chemical Faculty of Perm State University.

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V. V. Shchepin devoted 35 years to scientific investigations. The field of his scientific interests was organic synthesis using organomagnesium, organozinc, and organosilicon compounds. In recent years his life was actively involved in the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds based on the Reformatsky reaction. He has developed the methods for the production of various functionalized derivatives of furan and pyran as well as annulated systems containing heterocyclic and cyclopropane fragments. Professor Shchepin's scientific investigations have been repeatedly supported by the Russian Fundamental Research Foundation.

Vasilii Viktorovich published more than 250 papers in the leading Russian and international chemical journals and received 34 inventor's certificates. Nine candidate's theses were defended under his supervision. While already seriously ill, V. V. Shchepin wrote a monograph "Synthesis and Chemical Properties of Substituted 2,3,5,6-tetrahydropyran-2,4-diones", which will be published this year.

The editorial staff conveys their sincere condolences to the family, relatives, and colleagues of the deceased.