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## Reading Dedicated to Valentin A. Kargin—1991

A Reading dedicated to eminent Soviet polymer scientist Valentin A. Kargin (1907–1969) was held January 23, 1991 at Moscow State University. Dr. Kargin, Head of the Polymer Division of the Chemical Faculty of Moscow State University, was a pioneer in the field of polymer science in the U.S.S.R.

This Conference was organized by the Scientific Council for High-Molecular Compounds, and the Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis—U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences; the L. Ya. Karpov Physical-Chemical Institute; (all in Moscow) and the Research Institute of Chemistry and Technology of Polymers (Dzerzhinsk), where pupils of Dr. Kargin are working. The Reading included five main plenary lectures.

The first plenary lecture—the introduction—was given by V. A. Kabanov, Chairman of the Reading's Organizing Committee and Dr. Kargin's successor. He spoke about the influence of V. A. Kargin's ideas on research and development of polymer science in the U.S.S.R.

Problems of dienes polymerization in the presence of lanthanoid catalysts were addressed by Yu. B. Monakov, V. B. Golubev, A. V. Olenin, M. Yu. Zaremsky, E. S. Garina, M. B. Lachinov, and S. I. Kuchanov analyzed kinetics and the mechanism of radical polymerization in the presence of different catalytical systems. Some peculiarities of the mesophase structure of linear polymers were covered by E. M. Antipov; and A. P. Khokhlov treated problems of conformation in polyelectrolyte systems.

N. A. Platé, S. A. Arzhakov, N. F. Bakeev, V. V. Guzev, V. P. Zubov, P. V. Kozlov, Yu. M. Malinskii, and V. P. Shibaev took part in discussions about perspectives of the development of polymer science in the U.S.S.R.

More than 300 attendees from twenty-five research centers in eight U.S.S.R. cities participated in the Conference. This Reading demonstrated the increased interest of investigators and companies in the problems of polymers: synthesis, properties, processing and application. The next Reading will be held in January, 1992, also at Moscow State University.