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On May 10, 1996 Professor Karl Ivanovich Sakodynskii, the well-known Russian chromatographer died in Moscow.

Karl Ivanovich Sakodynskii was born in Novorossijsk, on the east shore of the Black Sea. He studied in Moscow at the Chemico-Technological Institute named after D.I. Mendeleev, graduating in 1953. He received his Candidate (Ph.D) and Doctor of Chemical Science degrees in 1957 and 1972 respectively. He headed the Chromatography Department at the Karpov Institute of Physical Chemistry and then at the Institute of Pure Chemical Reagents (since 1983).

One of the important characteristics of Prof. Sakodynskii's scientific activities was his wide area of expertise and interest with respect to the elaboration of physico-chemical foundations of chromatographic processes.

The main achievements of K.I. Sakodynskii's activities were: (1) development of preparative gas chromatography; (2) study of characteristics of organic adsorbents and elaboration of new types of adsorbents; (3) historical investigations dealing with the activities of M.S. Tswett.

He was a very fruitful scientist. The author or

co-author of 350 scientific papers, 10 books and 100 patents; he paid great attention to the training of young scientists, evidenced by the 40 post-graduate students who defended their Ph.D. thesis under his supervision.

Prof. K.I. Sakodynskii did much for chromatography development in Russia and stimulated the cooperation between Russian and foreign chromatographers. He organized the Association of Chromatographers of M.S. Tswett (Russian) and was its first President.

Prof. K.I. Sakodynskii was a communicative person with soft humour.

In 1981 K.I. Sakodynskii was awarded the International Tswett Chromatography Medal. In 1990 he was awarded a title of Honoured Scientist of the Russian Federation.

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