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The 70th Birthday of Yurii Tarichanovich D'yakov



On June 2, 2002, professor Yurii Tarichanovich D'yakov, Head of the Department of Mycology and Algology of Moscow State University, will celebrate the 70th birthday of his birth. D'yakov's creative work has been aiming at the dissemination of modern mycological and phytopathological concepts in the Russian Scientific community.

D'yakov graduated from the Timiryazev Agricultural Academy, where his teachers were M.S. Dunin, a prominent Russian immunologist and phytopathologist, and T.N. Shklyar, in 1955 and spent three years in Tajikistan, working as an agronomist in the Vakhsh River valley. After receiving a postgraduate education at the Timiryazev Agricultural Academy, D'yakov headed the Laboratory of Virology at the Institute of Potato Growing of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation.

Beginning in 1964, D'yakov worked at the Department of Mycology and Algology, Moscow State University, first as a laboratory assistant and then succes-

sively as an associate professor, a professor, and head of the Department.

The D'yakov's major subject of interest is the biology, genetics, and the population biology of fungi from different taxonomic and trophic groups. In collaboration with his collaborators and pupils, among which there are 34 candidates of science and 2 doctors of science, D'yakov wrote more than 300 works, which are devoted to the study of *Phytophthora infestans*, a causal fungus of the late blight of potato and tomato (focusing on *P. infestans* physiological races, elicitors, and phytoalexins), the fungicide tolerance of *Rhizoctonia solani* and *Venturia inaequalis*, the physiological and biochemical aspects of interactions between *P. infestans* and potato, mutations and parasexual recombination in the fungi *P. infestans*, *Pyricularia oryzae*, and *Thielaviopsis basicola*. His recent investigations, performed in collaboration with his associates, are concerned with the genetics, cytogenetics, and selection of culturable edible fungi, such as *Agaricus bisporus* and *Pleurotus ostreatus*.

D'yakov is the author and coauthor of 10 books: *General Phytopathology and Fundamentals of Immunology*, Moscow: Kolos, 1967 (first edition) and 1976 (second edition) (together with G.D. Uspenskaya and I.G. Semenkova); *Album of the Pests and Diseases of Field Crops*, Moscow: Kolos, 1970 (together with I.M. Belyaev, M.V. Gorlenko, S.V. Lekomtseva, and G.D. Uspenskaya); *Genetic Fundamentals of Plant Selection for High Immunity*, Moscow: Nauka, 1973 (together with E.B. Budashkina, P.M. Zhukovskii, L.N. Lekomtseva, I.G. Odintsova, V.V. Khvostovaya, and V.K. Shcherbakov); *Phytopathogenic Viruses*; Moscow, Mosk. Gos. Univ., 1984; *General and Agricultural Phytopathology*, Moscow: Kolos, 1984 (together with M.I. Dement'eva, I.G. Semenkova, and G.D. Uspenskaya); *Plant Diseases*, Moscow: Kolos, 1985; *Vegetative Incompatibility in Phytopathogenic Fungi*, Moscow, 1995 (together with A.V. Dolgova); *The Population Biology of Phytopathogenic Fungi*, Moscow, Muravei, 1998; *Introduction to Algology and Mycology*, Moscow: Mosk. Gos. Univ., 2000; and *General and Molecular Phytopathology*, Moscow: Obshch. Fitopatol., (together with O.L. Ozeretskovskaya, V.G. Dzhavakhiya, and S.F. Bagirova).

D'yakov is carrying out important scientific and organizational duties. He is editor-in-chief of the Russian journal *Mycology and Phytopathology* and *Journal*

of *Russian Phytopathological Society* and a member of the Editorial Board of the Russian journal *Izvestiya Akademii Nauk, Seriya Biologicheskaya*. He is Vice President of the Regional Society of Phytopathologists and the National Academy of Mycology, Vice Chairman of the Section of Biology and Ecology of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, Chairman of the Commission for Fungal Diseases of the Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences, a member of the Disser-

tation Defense Councils at Moscow State University and the State Research Institute of Phytopathology.

The faculty of the Institute of Microbiology of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Editorial Board of the journal *Mikrobiologiya* congratulate professor D'yakov on his 70th anniversary and wish him further success in his scientific career.

The Editorial Board of the journal *Microbiology*