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In Memoriam
KONSTANTIN MINAEVICH RYZHIKOV
1912–1983



The discipline of helminthology suffered a loss with the death of K. M. Ryzhikov, on 3 August 1983, soon after he had resumed work following serious illness. Born in Smolensk, K. M. Ryzhikov completed studies in the Faculty of Natural Science of the Pedagogical Institute of that city in 1937, after which he entered the aspirant program of the Belorussian Academy of Science, at Minsk. His investigation of nematodes of the family Syngamidae was interrupted by his service in the Soviet army during the second World War, after which he began work under the direction of Academician K. I. Skriabin, at the Laboratory of Helminthology of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. In 1948, he defended his dissertation and published a monograph on nematodes of the family Syngamidae, thereby initiating the series *Principles of Nematodology*, of which 29 volumes have appeared to date. His doctoral thesis (1964) concerned reservoir hosts of parasites. He was one of the closest associates of K. I. Skriabin, and succeeded him in 1972 as Director of the Laboratory of Helminthology of the Academy,

where he continued his investigations of nematodes. He was active in furthering international relationships among parasitologists and in the training of students. In 1964, Dr. Ryzhikov was elected Corresponding-Member of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., and served as Academician-Secretary of the Division of General Biology and as Chairman of the Helminthological Section. He was president of the All-Union Society of Helminthologists, chief editor (1955–1983) of the journal *Parazitologiya*, and member of several other editorial committees. He was the recipient of high honors from his own and other countries. His more than 200 scientific publications, including 9 monographs, will stand as a memorial of K. M. Ryzhikov; by those who knew him, he will be remembered as a colleague of great warmth and generosity.

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