

OBITUARY

ALEKSANDER IVANOVICH MEOS



Prof. Aleksander Ivanovich Meos, one of the founders of the Soviet man-made fibre industry and head of the faculty of man-made fibre technology of the Leningrad Institute of the Textile and Light Industries died on February 25, 1971.

Prof. A.I.Meos started his activities in the man-made fibre field in 1929 when he participated in the planning, erection and commissioning of the Leningrad viscose rayon plant, the first man-made fibre plant in the Soviet Union. He worked at that plant first as head of the central laboratory and subsequently as the chief works engineer.

In the early thirties A.I.Meos was scientific director of the research institute for regenerated cellulose fibre at the Mytishchinsk man-made fibre plant and later became chief engineer of the plant. At the institute he carried out much research on problems relating the fibre technology, more particularly spinning. Among his main tasks, one without the solution of which a man-made fibre industry could not have come into being, was the training of highly qualified specialists. He is the author of the first Soviet textbook on "Viscose Rayon". In terms of its technical level this book was at that time the best teaching aid not only for students but also for the workers in the industry.

A.I.Meos is the founder and remained the permanent director of the faculty of man-made fibre technology of the S.M.Kirov Institute of the Textile and Light Industries in Leningrad where he initiated important research in the production of special fibre types, e.g. bactericidal, ion-exchange, electrically conducting fibres, etc. which culminated in the development of "Letilan" fibre, an antimicrobial type greatly valued by users, and of a high-tenacity polyvinyl alcohol fibre.

Prof. Meos is the author of over 200 publications of great importance to the technical advance of the man-made fibre industry. His fruitful scientific and technical activities have made his name known among the workers of the man-made fibre industry of the Soviet Union and other countries.

The memory of this great man, friend and scientist will for long remain with all those who knew Aleksander Ivanovich Meos or worked with him.

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