REVIEWS AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

Kto est' kto v rossiiskoi analiticheskoi khimii: Doktora nauk
(Who's Who in Russian Analytical Chemistry: Doctors of Science),
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The successful activity of the Russian scientific community in analytical chemistry is generally determined by the high level of personal communication among its participants, in particular, through various contacts between the members of the Scientific Council on Analytical Chemistry of the Russian Academy of Sciences. In this connection, the periodic republishing of the handbook, *Who's Who in Russian Analytical Chemistry*, which contains valuable information about the scientists and their contacts, plays an important role in the further scientific interaction among the leading analysts of the country. The recently published new edition of the handbook contains useful information delivered by the Doctors of Science to the editors of the handbook. Therefore, the presented data on the scientists can be considered as scientific self-portraits. Unfortunately, the information about many researchers is too brief.

Because scientific cooperation and scientific contacts are a necessary condition for effective scientific progress by researchers in any branch of science, the revised edition of this book is really important for the further progress of analytical chemistry in Russia. It seems worthwhile to compile in future similar handbooks information that includes scientists from different CIS countries. Hopefully, the creation of such handbooks will promote scientific contacts with analysts working in neighboring countries.

No doubt, the appearance of candidates of science in the handbook is still subject to question. In the opinion of the referee, the inclusion of candidates of science actively participating in the progress of domestic science should be welcomed in the handbook; therein, as the criterion of inclusion, one can use the number of papers published, which should not be less than 30.

Last but not least, I have to say that this edition could appear only because of the enormous work done by its compilers. Unfortunately, some scientists did not send their personal data at all, others did not provide their phone numbers, a third group said virtually nothing about their scientific interests, etc. For that, all users of this edition without a doubt should be grateful to the editors Academician Yu.A. Zolotov and Dr. V.I. Shirokova for the great job they have done.

The handbook certainly should be of interest to a large number of readers working in and not only in analytical chemistry.

Also, I would like to provide information where this edition may be purchased: (1) Publishing Group URSS, Nakhimovskii pr. 56, Moscow, 117335 Russia, phone: +7 (499) 724-2545; (2) on the Web site: <http://www.URSS.ru>.

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