Journal of General Biology **Celebrates Its 70th Anniversary**

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June 2010 marks the 70th anniversary since the publication of the first issue of the *Journal of General Biology* founded by the Russian Academy of Sciences at the initiative of the eminent evolutionary scientist Academician Ivan Ivanovich Shmal'gauzen. The foundation of the *Journal of General Biology* purposed to overcome the disconnection between the different directions of biology that have inevitably developed with constant growth in the specialization of biological disciplines. The appearance of the journal was supposed to contribute to the synthesis of biological knowledge and exchange of ideas and present an opportunity for the meaningful and broad discussion of urgent problems in biological science. In recent decades, the Journal has occupied a deserved and largely unique place in Russian biology periodicals, addressing the interests of various specialists in solving fundamental biological problems. During these years, well-known Russian biologists cooperated with the journal, including B.L. Astaurov, L.A. Borisyak, G.G. Vinberg, N.N. Vorontsov, G.F. Gauze, I.P. Gerasimov, S.M. Gershenson, M.S. Gilyarov, N.P. Dubinin, A.A. Zavarzin, L.A. Zenkevich, L.A. Zil'ber, V.S. Kirpichnikov, L.V. Krushinskii, A.A. Lyubishchev, S.V. Meien, N.P. Naumov, B.B. Rodendorf, P.G. Svetlov, S.A. Severtsov, T.I. Serebryakov, V.E. Sokolov, V.M. Sukachev, N.V. Timofeev-Resovskii, S.S. Shvarts, and many others. These scientists made considerable contributions to the development of ecology, genetics, evolutionary morphology, taxonomy, geobotanics, paleontology, physiology, and other fields of biology.

Following tradition, the present scope of publications in the *Journal of General Biology* reflects the diversity of scientific subjects and provides great possibilities for constructive discussions as a basis for correct approaches to solving both basic problems and urgent practical tasks. The traditionally high scientific level of publications makes the Journal an authorized edition that is widely popular in the Russian scientific community and well-known abroad.

The general development of biology shows that the goals of the *Journal of General Biology* have not been exhausted. These tasks are constantly renewed as biological disciplines become more specialized. I would like to congratulate the Journal and hope that it will attract new creative authors and interested, careful readers. To the Editorial Board and Staff, the authors, and readers, I wish success in developing biological science.

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