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**THE SCIENTIFIC-ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF  
PROFESSOR SOLOMON L. FRANKFURT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT  
AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE KIEV SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY  
IN THE 1909-1918**

**Summary**

The contribution of the prominent agrobiologist, one of the organizers of the agricultural experimental work and academic science in Ukraine Professor Solomon (Shlima) Lvovich (Meerovich) Frankfurt (1866–1954) in creating and deploying activity sole in the Russian Empire branch scientific association – Kiev Society of Agronomy is revealed. The underlying factors, that led to its appearance in 1909, are summarizes. The analysis of available official publications of the Society in the branch depository, stored in the National Scientific Agricultural Library of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine, made it possible to examine certain issues regarding the development of the national agricultural research case.

Outstanding contribution to this process belongs to the head of the Network of Experimental Fields of the Russian Society of Sugar Manufacturers and seed control and agrochemical laboratory of the South-Russian Society for the Promotion of Agriculture and Rural Industry Solomon L. Frankfurt. The most

significant of his scientific and organizational mite in the activities of the Kiev Society of Agronomy is the introduction of an effective system of promotional activities, constructed on the latest developments of domestic and foreign scientists through problem commissions, conducting lectures and courses, presentations at specialized congresses and meetings, the introduction of a full-fledged agricultural bibliography, edition professional journals and reviews, etc. Thus, thanks well matched personnel in the Kiev Society of Agronomy the most urgent scientific support tasks of keeping domestic agriculture are successfully solved, especially through the work of the problem commissions. Rightfully they can be compared with the modern departments of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine.

It is shown that in this way the democratic foundations of academic agrarian science in Ukraine and «enlightenment» of South Western Region were laid. It should be noticed that no coincidence Tsarist Russia to 1914 (85% of modern Ukrainian lands were part of it) was a top five global exporters not only grain and other agricultural products thanks to common and coordinated efforts of concerned professionals as Solomon L. Frankfurt.

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