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THE FIRST ALL-UKRAINIAN HORTICULTURAL CONFERENCE 1928 IN THE HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WORK

Summary

At the initiative of the People's Commissariat of Land of the Ukrainian SSR, the First All-Ukrainian Horticultural Conference took place on September 9–13, 1928 at Mliiv Research Station. It was the first widely held Conference, attended by the general public, the representatives of central and local institutions and research institutions staff.

The purpose of the hosts of the conference was to give a complete picture of the state of horticulture in Ukraine in different districts. It should be noted that there was no such district in Ukraine, where there would be no horticulture at all, but not everywhere to the same extent. First of all it should be kept in mind that Ukraine has a number of outstanding qualities in the natural and historical sense. The author carried out her historical exploration using general scientific methods: analysis, synthesis and historical methods.

Taking into consideration the tasks of the Conference, its work was carried out in three main directions, namely: the issues on pomology, seedlings planting and organization of group gardens. The Conference recognized the creation of integrated

zonal research stations and the establishment of the Institute of Horticulture with a network of integrated zonal stations in Ukraine, to be the high-priority tasks for Ukrainian horticulture.

The main directions of work are described, such as: issues on pomology and seedlings planting, as well as the organization of group gardens.

According to the list of delegates, 155 people attended the First All-Ukrainian Horticultural Conference, among them the well-known scholars, practitioners and workers of the experimental establishments, such as: V.G. Averin, O.I. Borgardt, M.M. Gruner, V.V. Pashkevych, A.A. Pionkovskyi, L.M. Ro, M.E. Safronov, I.D. Shymanovich, O.Ya. Yanata etc.

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It is proved that the First All-Ukrainian Conference initiated the large-scale works in the direction of organizing and reorganizing domestic horticulture. All the above mentioned for the first time provided the most complete development of the conference issues and gave valuable materials for further work. Later, many of the adopted resolutions were brought to life. Thus, a special horticultural Conference was of particular importance, as it was the first step in the broad presentation of the problem of Ukrainian industrial horticulture organization with the participation of scientists and wide sections of local workers. In fact, it became the first All-Union Congress of Gardeners.

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