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**MEMORIES ABOUT OF THE UKRAINIAN ANATOMIST,  
HISTOLOGIST AND EMBRYOLOGIST OLEKSIY IVAKIN (1893–1942)  
AS A NEW SOURCE FOR THE SCIENTIFIC BIOGRAPHY OF THE  
SCIENTIST**

**Summary**

*The article covers the biography of the famous Ukrainian anatomist, histologist and embryologist Oleksii Andriyovych Ivakin and for the first time published memoirs about the scientist. The author of the memoirs is the wife of the scientist Iya Sergiyivna Ivakina, who together with her husband worked at the Department of human anatomy, histology and embryology at the Taras Shevchenko Kyiv State University. The memoirs reflect the history of the department of human anatomy, histology and embryology at the Taras Shevchenko Kyiv State University, the activity of O. Ivakin at the head of the department, and the work of the department's staff before the Second World War.*

*The methodology of work is based on the use of source, archival, chronological, comparative, biographical and prosopographic research methods.*

*Memories about O. Ivakin were deposited in the personal archival fund of Academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Oleksandr Prokopovych Markevych, stored at the Institute of Archival Studies of the V. I. Vernadskyi National Library of Ukraine. The same archival fund contains letters from I. Ivakina's to O. Markevych, which make it possible to reveal the history of writing memoirs. Memoirs are an important source for studying the biography of O. Ivakin and reveal little-studied pages of his life and scientific activity.*

*In the memoirs defined the educational courses taught by O. Ivakin at the Taras Shevchenko Kyiv State University, namely: human anatomy, histology with*

*elements of embryology, comparative histology. In the document highlighted O. Ivakin's outstanding organizational abilities, thanks to whose efforts the Department of Human Anatomy, Histology and Embryology became one of the first at the Taras Shevchenko Kyiv State University. In the memoirs, a prosopographic portrait of O. Ivakin was created, who was an ascetic scientist and a humane person, who loved his department and did everything for its improvement, and was completely devoted to work.*

*The introduction of memoirs about O. Ivakin into scientific circulation can become an impetus for further research about the scientist and the writing of his true biography.*

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