

Dear colleagues,

As we introduce the upcoming issue dedicated to the Andrianov Conference, I cannot help but proudly note, as the Chair of the Organizing Committee, that this event was special in every sense. It was part of a series of anniversaries: the 300th anniversary of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the 125th birthday of A. N. Nesmeyanov, the 120th birthday of K. A. Andrianov, and the 70th anniversary of INEOS—an occasion truly worthy of celebration. We had much to present to honor these great figures. While I've already mentioned the epoch-making achievements in direct chlorine-free synthesis of dimethyldimethoxysilane—a key reagent of the third technological paradigm—and the synthesis of ladder-like polyphenylsilsesquioxanes in an inorganic medium, I was pleasantly surprised to see that the conference results could fill three issues of our Journal. This came as a revelation even to me, as some articles didn't include me as a co-author, which helped round out the total. This brings to mind Kuzma Andrianovich's comment on author order in publications: "I don't like these debates over who's first and who's second... Let's go alphabetically."

Of course, we must also acknowledge the Strategy for the Development of Silicone Chemistry in Industry, which is firmly grounded in the scientific foundation laid over the last 15–20 years. This culminated in such resounding achievements as direct synthesis, strategic initiatives, and ladder-like structures.

If this progress could reach the heavenly realms, Kuzma Andrianovich (where else would he be?) might have reproached us: "What roundtable? Why hasn't the Central Committee issued a resolution yet? I'll call Alexey Nikolaevich tomorrow; this cannot wait. Which plant is implementing this? Dankov? Then switch methoxy to ethoxy—Dankov doesn't work with methanol!"

This is how our conversation might have gone, perhaps. In any case, I'd like to believe that they're kept informed of key developments over ambrosia or nectar. On one hand, we've achieved much, staying true to his era's spirit—pioneering globally. On the other, there's a slight delay with the plant, but surely by the 125th anniversary, it will be ready. It must be—how else will we face his portrait?

Here they are, our honorees, in all their glory, with their hero stars. And our Andrianov—what an eagle! Such is the father of practical silicone chemistry.



Happy Anniversary to You, Kuzma Andrianovich!

Sincerely yours,

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