

FOREWORD

The VIIth International Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Products, held at Riga, USSR, in June 1970, under the Presidency of the late Professor M. M. Shemyakin, was a meeting which was organized with exemplary efficiency and at the highest scientific level. It is the plenary lectures given at this meeting which are presented in the sequel.

All present at this meeting were deeply shocked and distressed by the sudden and untimely death of Academician Shemyakin on Friday, 26 June, on the penultimate day. The plenary lecturers unanimously agreed that their printed manuscripts should be dedicated to the memory of Academician Shemyakin and that the book now published should contain a biographical notice and photograph of the deceased. A suitable biographical notice has kindly been prepared by Professor Yu. A. Ovchinnikov and is printed in the sequel.

Professor Shemyakin was a great scientist and a wise administrator of model efficiency. He was deeply beloved by all who came into contact with him. Not only did he render great service in the advancement of science in the USSR, but he also gave of his time and energy unsparingly in the pursuit of the ideas of international collaboration. He made every effort to organize the VIIth Meeting in Riga in full accordance with the principles laid down by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

Professor Shemyakin was a member of the Organic Chemistry Division of the IUPAC and his wise counsel will be sadly missed by his colleagues in this body.

We mourn a great scientist, an exemplary administrator and a true friend.

On behalf of the Plenary Lecturers and of the Members of the Organic Chemistry Division,

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