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REPORTS ON THE EVENTS



International Seminar «The role of flax in the habitat improving and active human longevity»

From 26 till 27 September of 2011 the All-Russian Research Institute for Flax – one of well-known leading research centers in Russian Federation (Torzhok, Russia) was the host of the International Seminar «The role of flax in the habitat improving and active human longevity». Organizers of the event, also, been the Section of

Phytotechnologies for the Habitat Improving of The Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences and National Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (ASVOMED).

Idea of the seminar was come from the concern of the world science community of high morbidity, low life expectancy and high child mortality which is closely linked with the deterioration of the human environment.

Well-known scientists as academician A.A.Zhuchenko jr., director of Scientific Center "EcoVILAR"(Moscow), professor A.I.Trukhanov, president ASVOMED (Moscow), academician N.G.Kovalev, director VNIIMZ (Tver), correspondent member V.M.Lukomets, director VNIIMK (Krasnodar), professor G. Spsychalski, director INF&MP (Poznan), dr.hab. V.P.Ponazhev, director VNIIL(Torzhek) etc. are took part in the work of the seminar.

Participants have stressed the increasing role of flax production, especially, in the north parts of the Russian Federation, has strategic meaning for improving of human environment, active longevity, quality of life and adaptivity.

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Today, the directions of flax use as a source for different types of biofuel and as recultivator polluted by heavy metals lands are very important.

The participants made constructive suggestions for the fullest use of all the valuable components and properties of flax plants on the basis of current scientific developments in various fields of knowledge.

It is also shown that a complex of measures aimed at addressing the central place belongs to the biological potential of the sector - genetics, breeding, seed production, agricultural technology, standardization, where Russia had traditionally been a world leader.

A.A. Zuchenko

On the photo.

Participants of the international seminar: first row/seated/: N. G. Kovalev, A. A. Zhucenko jr., M. M. Kovalev; second row: V. M. Lukomets, G. Spsychalski, V. P. Ponazhev, V. G. Chernikov, K. Heller, A. I. Rizhov