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( CMEA)

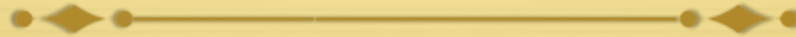
In Memory of

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**Academician Alexander  
Abramovich Krasnovsky, who was born in 1913, 100 years  
ago**

**Presented by  
Govindjee and Armin Meister  
October, 2, 2013 (on Mahatma Gandhi's birthday)**

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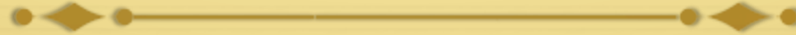
- ✦ A brief description on COMECON (or CMEA)
- ✦ The legends of the figures A- I (1967-1981), as recalled by Armin Meister and as edited by Govindjee.
- ✦ We request the readers to send us their feedback, especially the names of other participants.
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# A. COMECON meeting at Gatersleben, 1967





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**This is not Govindjee's talk**, but he is distributing it to the participants (with the photos): See the accompanying file for photos: "1\_A gift of 1961981COMECON (CMEA)Govindjee\_Meister.pdf"

## **Photographs and text dedicated to Academician Alexander Abramovich Krasnovsky, who was born in 1913, 100 years ago**

**by  
Govindjee and Armin Meister \***

*\*Presented by Govindjee (e-mail: [gov@illinois.edu](mailto:gov@illinois.edu)) , in Moscow, Russia, in October, 2013, based on the material provided by Armin Meister (of Gatersleben, Germany; email: [armin.meister@t-online.de](mailto:armin.meister@t-online.de))*

We provide here some of the photographs from the "Council for Mutual Economic Assistance" (COMECON or CMEA) that began in 1963 and where Academician A.A. Krasnovsky had played a key role (his name will be bolded wherever it appears below).

### **1. COMECON (or CMEA)**

According to a web site <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comecon>>

"The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Russian: Совет экономической взаимопомощи, *Sovet ekonomicheskoy vzaimopomoshchi*, СЭВ, *SEV*, English abbreviation COMECON, CMEA, or CAME), 1949–1991, was an economic organization under the leadership of the Soviet Union that comprised the countries of the Eastern Bloc along with a number of socialist states elsewhere in the world. The Comecon was the Eastern Bloc's reply to the formation of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation in the Western Europe." [ It must not be confused with ComicCon.]

The COMECON (or CMEA) had also a scientific branch with different themes. Among many themes, it had once included "Influence of the chlorophyll-protein complex on intensity and productivity of photosynthesis". According to our information, the first meeting of this COMECON theme took place in 1963.

These yearly meetings were held in the autumn (Fall) organized alternating in one of the 6 participating countries: (then) Soviet Union, Hungary, (then) Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Poland and (then) German Democratic Republic (GDR; East Germany). The official language was Russian, but because many of the participants (especially the Germans) were not able to speak and understand the Russian language, the lectures were often given in English (or even in German, as was the case in 1967).

These conferences were a good opportunity for scientists from the so-called "socialist" countries to meet scientists from other countries, because their possibilities to

attend international conferences were rather limited, especially in the Western (the so-called "capitalistic") countries. In some cases leading scientists from Western countries were invited. For example, in 1967, in Gatersleben (GDR), the following were invited (those known to one of us (G) are in italics): *Jan Amesz* (The Netherlands), R. Bourdu (France), J. Boynton (Denmark), H. Gimmmler (Germany), *T.W. Goodwin* (UK), F. Lysek (Germany), *Helmut Metzner* (from Germany), W.K. Henningsen (Denmark), *C. Sironval* (Belgium), and *A. Wild* (from Germany).

## 2. Available photographs, arranged chronologically, with names of some of the participants

1967

### A. Gatersleben1967.jpg

This photograph is from the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMECON (or CMEA) held in Gatersleben, then East Germany. The photograph shows the following (among others, not labeled since we have not recognized them yet): Front row (from left to right): 3<sup>rd</sup>: T.W. Goodwin (Liverpool); 4<sup>th</sup>: H. Metzner (Tübingen); 5<sup>th</sup>: Z. Sestak (Prague); the organizer Herta Sagromsky (then Armin Meister's supervisor, 7<sup>th</sup>:from Gatersleben); 8<sup>th</sup>: D.I. Sapozhnikov (Leningrad); 9<sup>th</sup>: J. Zurzycki (Krakow); 12<sup>th</sup> : Yu. E. Erokhin (Pushchino/Moscow). In the very back row, below the middle lamp is: A. Meister; counting from him and going to the right, the 7<sup>th</sup> person is C. Sironval (white collar; a bit of moustache (Liege); just below him and slightly to the right is Agnes Faludi-Daniel (Budapest); followed by P. Hoffmann (wearing black tie; East Berlin); Just slightly above him is **A. A. Krasnovsky** (marked with a star; Moscow); and then the very last person on the extreme right is A. A. Shlyk (Moscow). (Photo by Helga Stoll, Ballenstedt, Germany)

1968

### B. Krakow1968.jpg

This photograph is from the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMECON (or, CMEA) held in Krakow (Poland). First row from left: I. Yordanov (Sofia); **A.A. Krasnovsky** (with a camera in hand; Moscow); K. Popov (with a bag and a hat; Sofia); Herta Sagromsky (Gatersleben); F. Gorski (has a hat in his hand; Krakow); A.A. Shlyk (Minsk); and J. Zurzycki (holding a bag; Krakow) In the middle of the second row, we have P. Hoffmann (wearing a black tie; East Berlin) and Laszlo Szalay (standing behind Popov and Sagromsky; Budapest). On the left and behind P. Hoffmann is Agnes Faludi-Daniel (wearing a white dress; Budapest). (Note that

the Czech scientists did not attend this meeting because of Soviet “invasion” of their country a few weeks earlier.)

## 1969

### C.Minsk1969.jpg

This photograph is from the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMECON (or, CMEA) held in Minsk (the former Soviet Union-Belorussia). In the first row, from the left, we see P. Hoffmann (East Berlin) ; **A.A. Krasnovsky** (Moscow) ; ----; Herta Sagromsky (Gatersleben); L. Szalay (holding a bag; Budapest); and W.L. Kaler (Minsk). In the second row, just behind L. Szalay, to the left is: G.Hevesi (Budapest), and then Agnes Faludi-Daniel (in black dress; Budapest), In the very center of the last row is A.A.. Shlyk (standing tall; Minsk); and A. Meister is on the right.

## 1972

### D.Liblice1972.jpg

This photograph is from the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMECON (or, CMEA) held in Liblice Castle (North of Prague, Czechoslovakia). Since this was a joint conference of two COMECON themes on photosynthesis, there were many participants. Some are listed below (names of cities have been left out in this legend) . First row from the right : 1<sup>st</sup> : A. A. Shlyk (Minsk); 2<sup>nd</sup> : I. Yordanov; 3<sup>rd</sup> : J. Zurzycki (not sure); --; 5<sup>th</sup> : Danuta Frackowiak (not sure); 6<sup>th</sup> : A. Meister, 7<sup>th</sup> : Z. Schwarz; 8<sup>th</sup> : **A. A. Krasnovsky**; 9<sup>th</sup> : Herta Sagromsky; --- ; 11<sup>th</sup>: Anna H. Nagy; 12<sup>th</sup> : P. Hoffmann; 13<sup>th</sup> : Elisabeth Haspelova-Horvatovicova ; 14<sup>th</sup> : Agnes Faludi-Daniel. **Note:** after 9 persons is A. A. Nichiporovich (i.e., he is on the extreme left in the first row). Also in the second row-- behind H. Sagromsky-- is Z. Sestak (Prague).

## 1975

### E. Moscow1975.jpg

This photograph is from the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMECON (or, CMEA) held in Moscow (Soviet Union). In this legend, we wrote the names of the countries. First row (lowest step), from left is: 1<sup>st</sup>: I. Yordanov (Bulgaria) ; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Z. Sestak (Czechoslovakia); 3<sup>rd</sup>: Danuta Frackowiak (Poland); and 4<sup>th</sup>: **A.A. Krasnovsky** (Soviet Union). Second row (second step) from left: 1<sup>st</sup>: Anna H. Nagy (Hungary); 2<sup>nd</sup>: Elisabeth Haspelova-Horvatovicova (Czechoslovakia); 3<sup>rd</sup>: Herta Sagromsky (East Germany); and 4<sup>th</sup> (although it appears that he is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> row): A.A. Shlyk (Soviet Union); Third row (3<sup>rd</sup> step): -----; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Agnes Faludi-Daniel



(Hungary);----; 4<sup>th</sup>: P. Hoffmann (East Berlin); ---- . Last row, on the right (between Shlyk and Hoffman) is : G. Hevesy (Hungary).

**1979**

**F. KrasnosvskyReinhardsbrunn1979.jpg**

This photograph is from the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMECON (or, CMEA) held in the Castle "Reinhardsbrunn", in Germany. It shows **A.A. Krasnovsky (Moscow)** alone; he was chairman of this conference.

**G. KrasnosvskyEisenach1979.jpg**

This photograph is also from the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMECON (or, CMEA) held in Reinhardsbrunn Castle (Germany), but it was taken during an excursion to the historical town of Eisenach. The only two persons we are able to recognize is **A.A. Krasnovsky** (Moscow) and Otto Machold on the immediate right (in black coat; he had worked in Gatersleben on the separation of chlorophyll-protein complexes by electrophoresis (in cooperation with Diter von Wettstein's lab in Copenhagen, Denmark).

**1981**

**H. Pushchino1981.jpg**

This photograph is from the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMECON (or, CMEA) held in Pushchino (Soviet Union). First row from left: Yu E. Erokhin (then Director in Pushchino), --, --, --, Agnes Faludi-Daniel (Hungary) , **A. A. Krasnovsky** (Soviet Union), I. Yordanov (Bulgaria), A.A.Nichiporovich (Soviet Union) , Z. Sestak (Czechoslovakia) , G. Hevesy (Hungary), N.V. Karapetyan (Soviet Union)

**I. KrasnovskyPushchino1981.jpg**

This photograph is also from the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMECON (or, CMEA) held in Pushchino (Soviet Union). **A. A. Krasnovsky** (Moscow) and one of us (Armin Meister).