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**UKRAINIAN INSTITUTIONS IN THE STRUCTURE
OF UKRAINIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (1918–1921)**

Summary

The purpose of scientific exploration in general and specific aspects of research in particular conditioned the author's vision of the relevance of the chosen research topic. Its relevance is seen that the existence of Ukraine as a sovereign state has formulated an interest in Ukrainian studies as one of the most important factors of national self-determination of the Ukrainian nation. So there is a need for appropriate theoretical and methodological generalizations in order to Ukrainian studies took its rightful place in education, science and culture. In our opinion, experience of the past, including the period of formation of academic science in Ukraine, has to serve to this.

The research methods: concrete historical, systematic analysis combined with the principles of political impartiality, priority of historical fact, avoiding apriori schemes to determine the result are used.

The proper place in research is devoted to M. Hrushevskii, whose name is associated with the formation and development of Ukrainian studies. He gave them precise scientific contours, system definition. However, it turned out that at the time of the Central Council the creation of the official scientific establishment as a scientific foundation of Ukrainian studies hadn't reached.

Ukrainian studies' aspects were among the highest priorities in the concept of Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, that was founded on November 1918. From three

departments two had Ukrainian direction. Research results argue that the vast majority of academic institutions and commissions also had the Ukrainian direction, and only some of them solved the tasks that were common to all three departments. All Ukrainian institutions were established and operated under the provisions enshrined in the Charter of Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in 1918. Statute of 1921 has not provided an official Ukrainian direction in the work of the Academy. However, the research results had showed that almost to the end of the 20s it existed more nominal than actually. In practice, the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences guided by Statute in 1918. The cycle of Ukrainian sciences remained dominant, moreover, continued to expand its research coverage.

The conceptual foundations that were organized and operated in the first years of the existence of Ukrainian Academy of Sciences are actual and today. In particular, despite the rise of political and ideological pressure, academicians – the founders of Ukrainian Academy of Sciences continued to adhere to the fundamental principle. Its essence was that “in no way violate the basic structural features of all the academies that stand up to date: their strictly scientific nature, free from any influence of scientific work. No considerations of national, political and religious character couldn’t and shouldn’t limit the freedom of scientific activity”. Therefore, despite catastrophically difficult time for both – scientists and society – the organization of Ukrainian Studies at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in the first years of its existence has achieved undeniable success.