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**THE NETWORK OF CORRESPONDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL  
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF UKRAINE AS AN EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC  
INITIATIVES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BRANCH RESEARCH CASE**

In all periods of formation and development of the state Ukraine significant importance was public initiative. Its role in the 20's last century has been essential in the development of the national economy. This was preceded by social, economic, political, ideological and other factors. It is not enough financial resources to support the development of agriculture, keenly felt the need for organizational, intellectual and even moral support from the public. Under these conditions, the heavy burden of coordinating and methodological work took the Agricultural Scientist Committee of Ukraine (1918–1927).

As a result of fundamental historical research of the History Institute of Agricultural Science, Education and Technology of the National Scientific Agricultural Library, which this year celebrated 15 years under the direction of Corresponding Member of NAAS Victor A. Vergunov, found that Agricultural Scientist Committee of Ukraine is the forerunner of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine.

The study is an analysis of historical and scientific heritage of the Agricultural Scientist Committee of Ukraine to involve the public in the development of agricultural science and research deed as an example of his launched Network of Correspondents. For the first time the ideological and conceptual basis and principles of the formation and activities of the Network of Correspondents of Agricultural Scientist Committee of Ukraine (1923-1927) are investigated.

The Resolution «On organizing the Network of Correspondents of the Agricultural Scientist Committee of Ukraine» was adopted 7 March 1923 at a meeting of the Presidium of Agricultural Scientist Committee of Ukraine. The main focus is on the study of the research problems and key achievements. The allocation

of the Network of Correspondents on a territorial basis, professional, ethnic and gender characteristics are shown. It is indicated for recognition in professional circles.

The significant role of Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine in the development of agricultural experimental deed in the specified period is revealed. The Network of Correspondents played an important role in the formation and development of the national economy of Ukraine in the 20's the last century. Although correspondent data were mostly indicative, but their greatest value was the information content, relevance, accessibility. They are not limited to filling questionnaires sent to them by the Committee and served at the discretion of the various reports of interesting and unusual that observed in the agricultural life. Many of these inscriptions were published in popular professional journals. Correspondents gave an award (specialized literature, consulting services, seeds and more) for their work.

In summary, we note that the success of scientific research in agriculture is entirely dependent on how fully and faithfully each institution has information about the state of sectoral research & agricultural science and can promptly admit changes in it and react appropriately. Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine has shown its willingness to operative research in this respect.

The gained experience of developing agricultural science and research cases with the assistance of the public initiative in many respects remains relevant today – in scientific and cognitive, practical application etc. An example of such active citizenship cannot be ignored today. After all, solidarity and concern the nation will achieve success in the agricultural sector – the leading sector of Ukraine, which is responsible for food security.

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