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### **BEGINNING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF PROFESSOR V. E. TAIROV (1859–1938)**

In order to analyze the way of becoming V. E. Tairov as a scientist-viticulturist certain periods of his life and work based on available publications and periodicals have been analyzed.

V. E. Tairov (arm. Tayiryan Vasil Hevorhovych) (1859 - 1938) - symbolic figure of national and world science of viticulture and winemaking. The life, scientific, social and professional activities of the scientist, the organization of the national research branch of viticulture and winemaking, vice president of the International Organization of Vine and Wine (Paris) activity found their partially reflection in the works of local scientists in the 30's - 90's.

V. E. Tairov (virm. Tayiryan Vasil Hyevorkovych) was born on November 2, 1859 in the village of Great Karaklis ( today Vanadzor, Armenia), a large peasant family.

V. E. Tairov started his scientific and professional activities at Peter's Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (now the Moscow Agricultural Timiryazev Academy). After the presentation of scientific work of V. E. Tairov at a meeting of the Moscow branch of foresters society in November 1884, young scientist decided to devote his scientific and professional work to viticulture and winemaking. And in

early 1885 V. E. Tairov was enrolled in the Scientific Committee of the Ministry of State Property (agriculture and agricultural industry Department). Soon after the enrollment department Tairov was sended for three years to Europe, to the wine growing regions of Austria-Hungary, Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy to master a specialty vine grower and wine maker and to study the situation in these areas. In September 1887 a young scientist vine-grower-winemaker V. E. Tairov starts work in the Scientific Committee of the agriculture and agricultural production Department. He is actively involved in developing various matters relating to viticulture and winemaking, but the priority task of V. E. Tairov was to restore the dead vines in XIX., which were invased by filloxera and establishing of new vineyards by vines grafted on resistant rootstocks, thus initiating the grafted grape nursery branch.

The role of the higher education period in Peter's Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (now the Moscow Agricultural Timiryazev Academy) brilliant lectures and prominent scientists including Timiryazev and others, in a growth of V. E. Tairov as a scientist have been determined. But the final choice of scientific activity direction V.E. Tairov was connected with three years in the leading vine growing and wine-making educational institutions, research institutions and economies of Western Europe. Thus, the conclusion that the period of higher education and professional development abroad played a great role in the formation of V. E. Tairov as a scientist-viticulturist has been done.

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