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**VINNYTSIA (PODOLSK) OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENTIFIC  
COMMITTEE OF UKRAINE: THE FIRST ATTEMPTS TO  
COORDINATION OF RESEARCH ACTIVITY AT THE PERIPHERY**

Summary

Next year the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine will mark the 100 anniversary of forming. Long-term historical researches of the Institute of the History of Agrarian Science, Education and Techniques of the National Scientific Agricultural Library of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine have shown that the countdown of its activity started on 1 November 1918, when it was founded Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine. During nine years of functioning, it became a powerful coordinating center of agrarian science and research case. An important place in the activities of the NAAS successor allotted the successfully organized high-level scientific and methodical work of its regional offices.

The purpose was to study the constitutive experience of the Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine in the organization coordinating activities on the periphery in example of Vinnytsia (Podolsk) office. The author carried out the historical exploration using general scientific methods: analysis, synthesis,

classification and historical methods: historical research, problem-chronological, comparative-historical, periodization and retrospective.

For the first time local branches officially defined in the «Statute of the Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine» in Section IV «Organizing Committee» (June 1920). Plenary Session of the Committee at the meeting of 13 July 1920 approved the special «Temporary instruction of the organization of local offices of the Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine». The organizational structure of the branches performed on the Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine sample and consisted of relevant problematic sections, bureau etc. with the consent of the main structural units of the coordinating institution.

Vinnytsia (Podolsk) office established in June 1920. Natural and historical conditions of the region to the early twenties of the last century were comprehensively unexplored. The author disclosed the preconditions of forming regional office and its tasks and indicated on the role and place of the correspondents' network of the Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine, in particular Podolsk contributors. Vinnytsia office consisted of six sections: 1) experiential agronomy; 2) economic; 3) meteorological; 4) botanical with seed-control station; 5) chemical with control-chemical laboratory; 6) zoological with entomological bureau. The library and museum functioned at the secretariat. The author observed the main activities and scientific achievements of the local office in different directions – meteorology, geology, soil science, botany, chemistry etc. Domestic outstanding scientists headed Vinnytsia branch at different times: agronomist V. Sazoniv; professors: V. Doppelmayyer, S. Horodetskiy, L. Danylov and others.

Acquired first positive experience of the Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine in the organization coordinating research activities in the periphery provoked the emergence of other local branches, covering almost the entire territory of Ukraine: Odesa, Uman, Vinnytsia, Kamenetz-Podolsk, Kyiv, Poltava and Zhytomyr. The study is reason to believe that Vinnytsia (Podolsk) office was the first in the Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine. It made a significant contribution to the development of region in natural and historical areas. It failed due to the wide

involvement of prominent figures, farmers and concerned individuals. Their achievements presented repeatedly at the regional and national levels. First opened office showed high professionalism in conducting fundamental investigations and cooperation with national research centers under the central coordination and methodical beginning by the Agricultural Scientific Committee of Ukraine.

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