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**RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE NATURALIST
M.I. HAVRYLENKO'S BIOGRAPHY FROM THE POINT
OF VIEW OF HIS SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY. PART I**

Summary

Research activity of Mykola Ivanovych Havrylenko (1889-1991) regularly attracts close attention of researchers of Ukrainian history and history of zoology, in particular. Such interest is not an accidental because, according to the opinion of one of his contemporaries, he could become a Ukrainian Carl Linnaeus. Such statement had profound base – his level of knowledge, erudition, academic background and practical skills allowed him to start perfect learning of fauna, particularly, faunistic world of Poltava area, to develop the systematic ornithological collection, to start environmental protection and keeping of rare species of animals and plants as well as to get appropriate knowledge in geography, geology, climatology, ecology and other natural sciences. While starting to work at Poltava natural history museum, he began to learn fauna of vertebrates of the region. Later on he concentrated his attention on the learning of birds, their systematization, taxonomy, researching of season and year biological cycles, zoogeography. This allowed him to shape integral comprehension of genesis and development of integral ornithological complex of Poltava area and

neighboring territories. The author of the paper makes analysis of Havrylenko's academic activity in the close connection with his biography at the grounds of different periods of his life: start of his activity in academic local history institution, events of the First World War, 1917 October Revolution and tempestuous events of the civil war at the territory of Ukraine and Poltava Region, in particular, establishing of soviet power; later on – connection of the work at educational institutions with academic activity at local history museum. Special attention the author pays to the period in Havrylenko's life, when he was under growing suspicion of political and regime institutions that allowed baseless prosecutions in unreliability. In that period the scientist published the first profound scientific researches in faunistic studies, made generalizations of regional ornithological complex and published the book «Birds of the Kolomak river downstream (Poltava Region)» in three volumes. Also specialized theme concerning in-depth study of definite species during long period was outlined. The need to develop some topical issues of general biology and genesis of the species as basic taxonomical notions and its above- and subspecies, in particular, was comprehended. The second period of his life M.I. Havrylenko started as the famous scientist.

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