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**PROFESSOR Y. V. LANGE (1877–1928) – THE FOUNDER OF THE  
INVENTIVE BUSINESS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE KYIV  
POLYTECHNIC SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS AND AGRONOMISTS**

**Summary**

*The article reveals the biographical information of the scientist-inventor, hydraulic engineer, teacher, public figure, one of the founders of the inventive movement in Ukraine, Professor Y. V. Lange (1877–1928) with a direct reflection of his creative searches within the activities of the group of inventors of the Kyiv Polytechnic Society of Engineers and Agronomists at the Kyiv Polytechnic Institute of Emperor Alexander II during 1915–1917. Using the methods of archival and source analysis, a number of important factual events in the life of the scientist are reflected, in particular during his studies at the Moscow Engineering School, the Kyiv Polytechnic Institute of Emperor Alexander II, the New Oleksandriya Institute of Agriculture and Forestry; scientific and pedagogical work in Samara, Poltava, Kyiv, and Kharkiv provinces. His scientific achievements in the field of engineering and hydraulic engineering, which amount to more than 80 works, are analyzed. The issues of organization, structure, activities, and personal composition of the group of inventors are highlighted. The personal contribution of Professor Y. V. Lange to the development of the business during his work in the group was established, particular during his participation in the First All-Russian Congress of Inventors (1916); during the creation of the Department of People's Inventions, a library for inventors, a research laboratory for research and development of inventions; elaboration of the legal side of state funding of inventions in the country; improvement of the legislative framework in the patent system; development of international cooperation in the field of engineering. It is investigated that the scientist became the founder of the All-Ukrainian Association of Inventors (hereinafter – the Ukrainian Association of Workers-Inventors) in 1925, which was engaged in practical assistance to inventors and protection of their copyrights in the process of developing creative ideas.*

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