

*Dr. A.B. Dyakov*

*Dr. A.B. Dyakov*, a leading researcher in the field of sunflower cultivation in Russia, has long been a eminent figure in agricultural science in Eastern Europe. He has devoted many years to research on oilseed crops, with in-depth study of the genus *Helianthus*. He is particularly appreciated for his interest in the development and improvement of sunflower, to which he has dedicated over three decades of his life-time of study.

He has had a distinguished career as a plant physiologist at the Wniimk Institute in Krasnodov, Russia, where the area of research in which he has been

actively engaged is plant physiology, plant nutrition, and oil and protein synthesis. His research has led to valuable and original results; which have been published in numerous scientific journals and also in the proceedings of the International Sunflower Conferences.

For his lifelong dedication to his profession and for his outstanding contribution to scientific knowledge on the subject of sunflower, he is a recipient of the U.S. Pustovoit Award.