

# obituary

**Georgii Samsonovich Dzotsenidze**, the eminent Soviet geologist died on May 5, 1976, aged 66.

Dzotsenidze was born in 1910, in the Georgian town of Kutaisi. He was educated at Tbilisi University, graduating in 1929, and from then on his academic career was closely connected with the University, rising from the position of laboratory assistant in the Department of Mineralogy and Petrology, to become a lecturer, Dean of the Faculty of Geology and Geography, and finally, in 1958, Rector of the University. His research was concerned mainly with the geology of Georgia; in 1933-34 he led the geological survey

team of the Georgian Geological Board. His more than 120 publications include *Premiocene extrusive vulcanism of Georgia*, *Question of the genesis of barytic deposits in Georgia*, *Analcite level in the coal-bearing formation of the Kutaisi-Gelat region*, and *Petrology of the Bath Deposits of Okribri*. He was elected a full member of the Georgian Academy of Sciences, having served for four years as acting Academic Secretary of the Academy. In the same year (1955), he became a Vice-President of the Georgian Academy of Sciences. In 1968 he became a full member of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

Dzotsenidze combined his academic career with considerable political activity. He served as a Deputy of the Supreme Soviets of the Georgian SSR and the USSR several times, and was a member of the Central Revision Commission of the CPSU and of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Georgia.

For his academic and political activities Dzotsenidze received a number of high Soviet honours, including the Order of Lenin (three times), the order of the October Revolution, the Order of the Red Banner of Labour, a Stalin (now State) prize, and numerous medals.

## announcements

The **1976/77 Moscow Seminars on Collective Phenomena** will take place on Sundays at 1200 starting on September 12, at Ulitsa Veshnyakovskaya, Dom 4, Korpus 2, Apartment 5, Moscow. Letters, reprints and preprints may be sent to **Professor M. Ya. Azbel'** at the above address, but all correspondence must be registered and insured. All visiting scientists are very welcome to attend the seminars unannounced.

The programme is:

September 12, 1976: Dr Yu. Mniukh on **Polymorphic Transitions in Crystals**.

September 19, 1976: Professor Yu. Orlov on **Wave-logic and its Applications to Wave-Mechanics**.

September 26, 1976: Dr A. May on **Cybernetic Ideas and Empirical Sociology**.

October 3, 1976: Corresponding Member B. Levich on **The Semi-empirical Theory of Turbulence**.

October 10, 1976: Professor M. Ya. Azbel' on **Decoding DNA**.

October 17, 1976: Dr I. Andryukin on **The Theory of Exactness of Mechanical Treatment**.

October 24, 1976: Dr E. Trifonov on **Genetic Engineering**.

October 31, 1976: Dr G. Rosenstein on **Models of Mental Distress**.

November 7, 1976: Dr V. Brailovsky, on **Deducing Relationships from Experimental Data**.

November 14, 1976: Professor N. Salanski on **Physics of Magnetic Films**.

November 21, 1976: Dr Yu. Kalenov on **Hydrodynamic Lasers**.

November 28, 1976: Dr V. Lazaris, on **The Creativity of Ben Galevi**.

December 5, 1976: Professor Ya. Alpert on **Wave-Phenomena in Cosmic Plasmas**.

December 12, 1976: Dr A. Kaplan on **Dynamics of Quantum Systems in a Non-linear Resonance Field**.

December 19, 1976: Professor N. Meyman on **Spectral Properties of the Schrödinger Equation in a Periodic Field**.

December 26, 1976: Professor B. Fain on **An Experimental Investigation of Psychological Peculiarities**.

January 2, 1977: Dr I. Brailovskaya on **Supersonic Viscous Flow Around a Body**.

January 9, 1977: Dr I. Gildengorn on **The Influence of Oxidation on Thermoelectric Properties of Alloys**.

January 16, 1977: Dr M. Shepelev and Dr V. Dubrovskaya on **The Order of Reaction in Vulcanisation of Rubber**.

January 23, 1977: Professor A. Tzinobor on **Hydrodynamics of Liquid Metals in a Magnetic Field**.

January 30, 1977: Professor N. Salansky on **Yoga and Judaism**.

February 6, 1977: Corresponding Member B. Levich on **Electrocapillary Phenomena**.

February 13, 1977: Professor M. Ya. Azbel' on **Entropy and Phase Transitions**.

February 20, 1977: Dr A. Schuster on **An Optical Problem in Combination Theory**.

February 27, 1977: Dr G. Shapiro on **Hormonal Regulation of Vital Functions**.

March 6, 1977: Dr L. Regelson on **Interaction of Weak Fields with Biological Structures**.

March 13, 1977: Professor N. Meyman

on **Dispersion Relations and the Flow Increase Principle**.

March 20, 1977: Dr V. Relz on **Determination of the Electronic Density Function of Protein**.

March 27, 1977: Dr L. Vilenskaya on **Possible Interpretation of some Psychological Phenomena**.

April 3, 1977: Professor M. Kovner on **Earth's Radiative Belts and their Origin**.

April 10, 1977: Dr A. Kaplan on **Non-linear Fresnel Reflection**.

April 17, 1977: Professor S. Alber on **Asymptotic Methods in the Theory of Eigenvalues**.

April 24, 1977: Dr E. Tzifonev on **Evaluation of Nucleotide Sequences (Experimental)**.

May 1, 1977: Professor B. Fain on **Non-radiative Transitions in Condensed Matter**.

May 8, 1977: Corresponding Member B. Levich on **Surface Turbulence in a Liquid**.

May 15, 1977: Dr G. Volk on **Viscosimetric Determination of Molecular Weights**.

May 22, 1977: Dr A. Dolgopolsky on **The Hebrew Language and Alphabet: The History of Languages**.

May 29, 1977: Professor M. Ya. Azbel' on **New Statistics of Quasiparticles**.

June 5, 1977: Dr A. Malitzky on **The Planning of an Experiment**.

June 12, 1977: Dr E. Tzifonev on **The Spatial Structure of RNA**.

To get to Professor Azbel's apartment: Take the Metro to Zhdanovskaya (end of line in Eastern suburbs), then the No 64 Trolleybus North along Ulitsa Veshnyakovskaya until the road forks (about 6 stops).