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MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION USSR

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.⁷

The predecessor of the Ministry of Higher Education USSR, the Committee for Higher School Affairs under the Council of People's Commissars (MVA), was established on 21 May 1946 by decree of the Central Executive Committee and the Council of People's Commissars, for the purpose of uniting and directing the administration of higher education in the USSR. By a decree of 2 July 1946, the committee was also entrusted with the academic and methodologic supervision of secondary special educational institutions (tekhnikums).⁽¹⁾

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, issued a ukase on 10 April 1946, "On the Reorganization of the Committee for Higher School Affairs Into the Union-Republic Ministry of Higher Education USSR."⁽²⁾ Despite the designation of union-republic, however, there are no equivalent Ministries of Higher Education in the USSR and the 15 union republics; in the various republics, higher educational affairs are handled by a main administration of higher educational institutions under the Ministry of Education of the republic.⁽³⁾

Sergey Vasil'yevich Kartanov was appointed Minister of Higher Education USSR by a ukase of 10 April 1946.⁽²⁾ He held the post until 14 February 1951, when he was succeeded by V. N. Stoletov, the present Minister of Higher Education.⁽⁴⁾

In the 1946 reorganization, 305 vuzes (higher educational institutions) were placed under the direct administration of the Ministry of Higher Education USSR; the remaining vuzes (of railroad transport, medicine, pedagogy, architecture, physical culture, and the arts) continued under the control of Main Administrations (GUUZ), Administrations (UUZ), or Divisions (OUZ) of Educational Institutions of the ministries or committees which control those activities, although the Ministry of Higher Education maintains indirect supervision over them.⁽²⁾

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Of the 490 voices in operation throughout the USSR during the present (1951 - 1952) school year (4) are listed. From data in the 1950 Handbook (5) and current press sources, we have the direct administration of the Ministry of Higher Education (6).

The latest complete information available on the administrative organization of the Ministry of Higher Education USSR is that of July 1949 (6). The 1949 Handbook of the ministry confirmed this organization insofar as the 14 main administrations of higher educational institutions were concerned (7), but the 1950 Handbook (8) reveals the elimination of three such units. Whether this reorganization affected other administrative units or divisions of the ministry is not known, but recent information on these units from the press and other sources as indicated below generally tends to confirm their existence as shown in the 1949 administrative organization.

According to the latest information available, the ministry now includes the following main administrations, administrations, divisions, and organizations:

Main Administration of Universities (9), headed by Prof. K. F. Zhi-gach (9) -- Thirty-four universities, plus two hydrometeorological institutes, two pedagogical institutes of foreign languages, an institute of Eastern studies, and the historical archives institute. (9) Under the 1949 administrative organization, the two hydrometeorological institutes were under the Main Administration of Agricultural Higher Educational Institutions (10).

Main Administration of Polytechnic Higher Educational Institutions (11), headed in 1949 by D. A. Troshchik (11) -- Twenty-six institutes, including 10 polytechnic, six industrial, three power-engineering, and one electrical engineering institute. (11) Under the 1949 organization, the three power-engineering institutes and the electrical engineering institute constituted the Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of Power Engineering and Mechanical Engineering (12).

Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of Machine Building (13), headed in 1949 by G. A. ... -- Twenty-eight institutes, under the following divisions:

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Machine Building and Machine Building, with nine machine building institutes, one machine-tool and tool, and five mechanical institutes.

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Aviation, with four aviation institutes.

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Automobile Mechan- ics, with one automobile mechanical institute.

Division of Geographic Higher Educational Institutions, with three geographic institutes. (13)

Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of Mining and Metallurgy (14), headed by A. Chirshikov (14) -- Twenty-three institutes, under the following divisions:

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Mining, with one institute of geology and prospecting, one text, three petroleum, and seven other institutes.

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Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Metallurgy, with 11 metallurgical institutes.(8)

Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of Chemical Technology -- Seventeen institutes, including nine chemical technology institutes and eight food industry institutes.(8) Under the 1948 organization, the food industry institutes constituted the Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of the Food Industry.(6)

Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of Construction -- Twenty-three institutes, under the following divisions:

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Construction Engineering, with 11 construction engineering institutes

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Hydraulic Engineering, with two hydraulic engineering institutes

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Construction Materials, with three construction materials institutes

Division of Geodetic Higher Educational Institutions, with two institutes of engineers of geodesy, aerial photography, and cartography

Division of Automobile and Road Higher Educational Institutions, with five automobile and road institutes.(8)

Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of Light Industry (8), headed in 1947 by F. M. Rozanov (12) -- Eight institutes, including three technological institutes of light industry and five textile institutes.(8)

Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of Forestry Engineering and Forestry (3), headed in 1948 by L. I. Kachevkin (13) -- Twelve institutes, including nine forestry engineering and three forestry institutes.(8)

Main Administration of Agricultural Higher Educational Institutions (3), headed in 1949 by I. N. Simonov (14) -- Seventy-four institutes, under the following divisions:

Division of Agricultural Higher Educational Institutions, with 58 agricultural institutes

Divisions of Higher Educational Institutions of Agricultural Mechanization, with eight agricultural mechanization institutes

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Hydraulic Engineering and Soil Improvement (gidromeliorativnyye), with eight hydraulic engineering and soil improvement and land management (zemleustroitel'nyye) institutes.(8)

Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of Economics (8), headed in 1949 by I. I. Artemenko (15) -- Twenty-seven institutes, under the following divisions:

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Economics, with nine institutes of economics

Divisions of Higher Educational Institutions of Finance Economics, with nine institutes of finance economics

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Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Trade Economics,
with six institutes of trade economics

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Engineering Econom-
ics, with three institutes of engineering economics.(8)

Main Administration of Juridical Higher Educational Institutions (8),
headed by A. G. Lashin, Docent (9) -- Forty institutes, including ten ju-
ridical institutes and 30 affiliates of the All-Union Correspondence Jurid-
ical Institute in Moscow.(2)

Glavanab (Main Material and Equipment Supply Administration), with its
offices.(6) Headed in 1946 by A. A. Mezerov.(1)

Glavstroy (Main Construction Administration), with its construction
trusts and offices.(6)

Main Administration for the Care of Cultural and Living Conditions of
Students and Workers of Higher Educational Institutions (6), headed in 1949
by Ivoigin.(15) Has under it a Division of Dormitories.(6)

Capital Construction Administration (6), headed in 1949 by Tul'chin-
skiy.(16) Has an institute for the planning of higher educational institu-
tions.(6)

Administration for the Supervision of Tekhnikums (6), headed in 1949
by Fomin.(11)

Personnel Administration (6), headed in 1949 by M. V. Mikhaylov.(3)

Planning and Finance Administration, headed by Docent Ye. V. Chut-
kerashvili.(17)

Methods Administration (6), headed by I. V. Butyagin.(21) Has the
following divisions:

Division of Foreign Language Instruction (6)

Division for the Adaptation of Motion Pictures for Educational Pur-
poses (6)

Division of Educational and Scientific Equipment (6), headed in
1948 by Pankvitsger (18)

Division of Student Practice Training (6)

Division of Correspondence Training.(6) A recent article in the
Soviet press, complaining that the division was too small to handle the com-
plex problems of 19 correspondence vuzes (15 of them in Moscow) and the
more than 400 correspondence divisions of vuzes, urged that the division
be enlarged to an administration. (19)

Division of Graduate Study (6), headed in 1949 by K. T. Galkin (20)

Division of Stenographic Training (6), headed in 1949 by Podle-
pich (3)

Secretariat of the Council of Scientific Methods.(6)

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Administration of Social Science Instruction, headed by F. M. Drogobyshev.(22) The 1948 administrative structure included a Division (not administration) of Social Science Instruction.(6)

The following divisions of the ministry were listed separately from any main administrations or administrations:

Division of Pedagogical Higher Educational Institutions (6), headed by N. P. Suvorov.(23)

Division of Medical Higher Educational Institutions (6), headed in 1948 by I. G. Kochergin. (24)

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Transportation.(6)

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Fine Arts.(6)

Division of Higher Educational Institutions of Zootechny and Veterinary Medicine.(6) These institutes constituted the Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions of Zootechny and Veterinary Medicine under the 1948 organization (6), but are now directly under the Ministry of Agriculture USSR. (8)

Division of Military Higher Educational Institutions.(6)

Division of Military and Physical Training (6), headed in 1949 by G. A. Malakhovskiy.(14)

Division of Scientific Research Work (6), headed by B. Ye. Volovik.(25)

Division of Textbooks (6), headed in 1949 by G. I. Pogodin-Alekseyev.(3)

Division for the Assignment of Young Specialists (6), headed by G. Aver'yanov.(26)

Central Accounting Office.(6)

Division of Labor and Wages (6), headed in 1949 by I. G. Pantelejev.(15)

First Division. Has under it an inspection (inspektsiya) for guarding vuzes.(6)

Foreign Division.(6)

Information Division.(6)

Inspection Division under the Minister of Higher Education (6), headed in 1949 by A. F. Gusarov.(3)

Office of the Ministry (6), located at Rozhdestvenka, 11. in Moscow.(17) Has a Legal Division under it.(6)

Management Administration.(6)

Arbitration Division.(6)

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The Ministry of Higher Education USSR also has under it a number of organizations, each of which is discussed in detail below.

Council on Scientific Methods.(6) The December 1977 issue of the Byulleten' Ministerstva Vysshego Obrazovaniya SSSR named the following men as belonging to the council:

A. M. Samarin, Corresponding Member, Academy of Sciences USSR; deputy chairman of the council

D. A. Troitskiy, academic secretary of the council

I. I. Agroskin, Professor-Doctor; Deputy Minister of Higher Education USSR

A. A. Alekseyev, Professor-Doctor, Leningrad Electrical Engineering Institute imeni Ul'yansov (Lenin)

I. I. Artobolevskiy, Academician, Moscow Aviation Institute

E. D. Bizyukin, Professor-Doctor; deputy director, Leningrad Institute of Railroad Transport Engineers

A. K. Birulya, Professor-Doctor; director, Kharkov Automobile and Road Institute

A. V. Blagonravov, Academician; President, Academy of Artillery Sciences

I. A. Borisov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture USSR

A. A. Boshvar, Academician, Moscow Institute of Nonferrous Metals and Gold

N. G. Brumovich, Academician; Academic Secretary, Academy of Sciences USSR

A. E. Gerasimov, Professor; member of Collegium, Ministry of Higher Education USSR

S. M. Gukhlo, Doctor-Candidate; head, Administration for Higher Schools under Council of Ministers Ukrainian SSR

I. K. Vereshchagin, Doctor-Candidate; director, Moscow State Economic Institute

A. A. Volkovskiy, Professor; Rector of Leningrad State University

F. Ye. Golovin, Professor-Doctor; member of Collegium, Ministry of Higher Education USSR

V. I. Gavrilov, Doctor-Candidate, Moscow Agricultural Academy imeni Timiryazev

I. S. Galkin, Professor; Rector of Moscow State University

V. A. Golubtsova, director, Moscow Power-Engineering Institute

A. V. Gorinov, Corresponding Member, Academy of Sciences USSR; Moscow Institute of Railroad Transport Engineers

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- K. P. Gorshenin, Professor-Doctor, Omsk Agricultural Institute
- M. S. Grigor'yev, Professor; deputy chairman, All-Russian Theatrical Society
- K. F. Zhigach, Professor-Doctor; member of Collegium, Ministry of Higher Education USSR
- A. N. Zakhar'yevskiy, Corresponding Member, Academy of Artillery Science; Leningrad Institute of Precision Mechanics and Optics
- G. M. Znamenskiy, Professor-Doctor; director, Kiev Technological Institute of the Food Industry
- K. A. Ivanovich, Professor-Doctor; deputy director, Moscow Agricultural Academy imeni Timiryazev
- A. S. Il'ichev, Corresponding Member, Academy of Sciences USSR, Moscow Mining Institute
- I. A. Kairov, President, Academy of Pedagogical Sciences RSFSR
- N. N. Ketskhoveli, Professor-Doctor; Rector of Tbilisi State University
- B. V. Kiryukhin, Candidate of Sciences; deputy director, Leningrad Hydrometeorological Institute
- V. A. Kovda, Professor-Doctor, Moscow Hydraulic Engineering and Soil Improvement (gidromeliorativniy) Institute
- I. G. Kochergin, Professor-Doctor; member of Collegium, Ministry of Higher Education USSR
- A. N. Krutikov, Lieutenant General; chief, Administration of Higher Military Educational Institutions, Ministry of Armed Forces USSR
- A. G. Likhachev, Professor-Doctor; director, First Moscow Medical Institute
- Ye. N. Medynskiy, Active Member, Academy of Pedagogical Sciences; Moscow State Pedagogical Institute imeni Lenin
- T. M. Mel'kumov, Professor-Doctor; head, Central Institute of Aircraft Engines
- N. M. Mitropol'skiy, Professor-Doctor; Moscow Institute of Railroad Transport Engineers
- V. G. Mikhaylov, Professor-Doctor, Novocherkassk Polytechnic Institute
- B. N. Mogil'nitskiy, Professor-Doctor, Second Moscow Medical Institute
- V. M. Myasishchev, Professor, Moscow Aviation Institute
- A. I. Nekrasov, Academician, Moscow State University
- V. S. Nemchinov, Academician; director, Moscow Agricultural Academy imeni Timiryazev

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A. S. Orlin, Active Member, Academy of Artillery Sciences; Moscow
Higher Technical School imeni Bauman

P. Ye. Orlovskiy, Professor, Moscow Juridical Institute

Yu. A. Pobedonostsev, Active Member, Academy of Artillery Sciences

M. A. Popov, Doctor of Technical Sciences; director, Moscow Higher
Technical School imeni Bauman

N. H. Rovinskiy, Professor; director, Moscow Institute of Finance

M. A. Saverin, Professor-Doctor, Moscow Higher Technical School
imeni Bauman

V. I. Svetlov Professor; Deputy Minister of Higher Education USSR

B. S. Svirshchevskiy, Professor-Doctor; deputy director, Moscow
Institute of Agricultural Mechanization and Electrification

L. A. Serk, Corresponding Member, Academy of Architecture; Moscow
Construction Engineering Institute

V. Z. Smirnov, Docent-Candidate; chairman, Central Committee,
Union of Workers of Higher Schools and Scientific Institutions

A. N. Sokolovskiy, Active Member, Academy of Sciences Ukrainian
SSR; director, Kharkov Agricultural Institute

N. S. Strelitskiy, Corresponding Member, Academy of Sciences USSR;
Moscow Construction Engineering Institute

D. A. Strel'nikov, Professor-Doctor, Tomsk Polytechnic Institute

A. M. Terpigorev, Academician, Moscow Mining Institute

A. V. Topchiyev, Professor-Doctor; Deputy Minister of Higher Edu-
cation USSR

A. A. Turchanin, Deputy Minister of the Communications Equipment
Industry

I. V. Tyurin, Corresponding Member, Academy of Sciences USSR;
Leningrad Forestry Engineering Academy

A. S. Cheboturev, Professor-Doctor, Moscow Institute of Engineers
of Geodesy, Aerial Photography, and Cartography

A. B. Chernyshev, Corresponding Member, Academy of Sciences USSR;
Moscow Chemical Technology Institute imeni Mendeleev

K. N. Shabalin, Professor-Doctor, Ural Polytechnic Institute

I. G. Sharabrin, Professor-Doctor, Military Veterinary Academy

A. A. Yablonskiy, Professor-Doctor, Leningrad Electrical Engineer-
ing Institute of Signaling and Communications.

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As of December 1947, the Presidium of the Council on Scientific Methods consisted of the following:

- S. Kaftanov, Minister of Higher Education USSR, chairman
- A. M. Samarin, deputy chairman
- A. A. Blagonravov, chairman, Training and Organization Section
- Ye. N. Medynskiy, chairman, Section on Methods of Teaching in Higher Schools
- I. I. Artobolevskiy, chairman, Section on Academic and Practice Training
- H. M. Mitropol'skiy, chairman, Section for Correspondence and Evening Training
- A. A. Voznesenskiy, chairman, Section For Graduate Study
- V. S. Nemchinov, chairman, Section for Study of Foreign Higher Education Administration
- D. A. Troitskiy, academic secretary.(12)

The Higher Certification Commission.(6) This commission decides questions relating to the awarding of academic degrees and titles by the 470 higher educational institutions and scientific research institutes which have the power to make such awards. During the 1949 - 1950 school year, the commission confirmed the awarding of the academic title of professor to 571 persons, that of docent to 1,211 persons, and that of senior scientific associate to 1,546 persons, and approved the awarding of 348 degrees of doctor of sciences by the 272 vuzes and scientific research institutes which have been given the power to award such degrees. One hundred and thirty-one degrees of doctor of medical sciences and 24 degrees of doctor of technical sciences were approved.(20)

In the 1949 - 1950 school year, the commission turned down only 60 applicants for the degree of doctor of sciences, whereas in the year before, 97 were refused.(23)

The Presidium of the Higher Certification Commission consists of the chairman (the Minister of Higher Education USSR), his deputies (Deputy Ministers of Higher Education USSR) and an academic secretary.(1) Professor I. Gorshkov is the academic secretary of the Higher Certification Commission.(27)

The actual work of reading and passing on the merits of graduate dissertations is done by Commissions of Experts (ekspertnye komissi), composed of outstanding scientists and qualified specialists from various fields of science, engineering, and the arts. During the 1949 - 1950 school year, there were 72 such Commissions of Experts; among the members of these commissions were over 1,000 scientists and specialists, over 100 academicians, about 750 professors and doctors of sciences, and over 50 production specialists. The following were identified either as chairmen or as members of various commissions:

- I. I. Artobolevskiy, Academician; chairman, Commission of Experts for Machine Building

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B. V. Nekrasov, Corresponding Member, Academy of Sciences USSR;
chairman, Commission of Experts for Chemistry

V. F. Sharapov, Professor-Doctor; chairman, Commission of Experts
for History

Ye. M. Tarayev, Professor-Doctor; chairman, Commission of Experts
for Medicine

A. N. Pokhvisnev, Professor; member, Commission of Experts for
Metallurgy

G. N. Petrov, Professor; chairman, Commission of Experts for
Electrical Engineering

I. I. Agroskin, Professor; chairman, Commission of Experts for
Hydraulic Engineering

Ye. V. Mikhali'tsev, Professor; chairman, Commission of Experts for
Railroad Transport Operation and Economics

B. N. Bedenisov, Professor; chairman, Commission of Experts for
Railroad Transport Track Construction Specialties

M. M. Filonenko-Borodich, Professor; chairman, Commission of
Experts for Mechanics

I. L. Knunyants, Professor; chairman, Commission of Experts for
Chemical Technology

I. D. Udali'tsov, Professor; member, Commission of Experts for Po-
litical Economy

V. N. Yakovlev, Professor; chairman, Commission of Experts for
Graphic Arts

A. A. Sokolov, Professor; chairman, Commission of Experts for
Physics

V. P. Seleznev, Professor; chairman, Commission of Experts for
Agricultural Mechanization and Electrification.(28)

"Sovetskaya Nauka" Publishing House (6), located at Podsosenskiy, 20,
in Moscow.(27) Kamunina was director in 1942.(33) The publishing house
prints literature and textbooks for the ministry, and issues the following
publications:

Bulleten' Ministerstva vysshego obrazovaniya SSSR (Bulletin of
the Ministry of Higher Education USSR), the official monthly publication of
the ministry, which contains orders and instructions promulgated by the
ministry, as well as decisions of the Higher Certification Commission. G.
V. Morozov was editor of the publication in December 1949 (30).

Vestnik vysshey shkoly (Higher School Herald), a monthly publica-
tion put out by the ministry to aid instructors in higher educational in-
stitutions. The present board of editors of the publication consists of
A. S. Butyagin (acting editor), I. Ya. Braslavskiy, V. A. Golubtsova, K.
A. Ivanovich, B. M. Leybson, M. A. Popov, and V. I. Svetlov.(31) A. M.
Samarin was editor until April 1951 (32).

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Spravochnik dlya postupayushchikh v vysshiye uchebnye zavedeniya Soyuzo SSR (Handbook for Entrants Into Higher Educational Institutions of the USSR), an annual publication of the ministry designed to aid prospective students. In it are listed the names of all higher educational institutions (except military vuzes) in the USSR, with courses and specialties taught, plus information on entrance requirements and examinations. A. A. Troitskiy was editor of the 1950 Handbook.(8)

State Scientific Library of the Ministry of Higher Education USSR (6), located at ploshchad' Nogina, 2/5, in Moscow. (17) Ryazanov was director in 1948.(35) This library was founded in 1911, and contains 1.2 million volumes. Before World War II it subscribed to 1,600 foreign technical publications.(34)

The library, the central organ for all technical libraries in the USSR, furnishes information, and renders biographical assistance; it has branches in Kharkov, Saratov, Gor'kiy, Molotov, Chelyabinsk, Novosibirsk, Barnaul, and Karaganda, and, before the war, had branches also in Kiev and Stalingrad.

Beginning with 1936, the library started publication of six monthly bibliographies: on the mining industry (Gornaya Promyshlennost'), power engineering and the power-engineering industry (Energetika i Energopromyshlennost'), chemistry and the chemical industry (Khimiya i Khimicheskaya Promyshlennost'), metallurgy and the technology of metals (Metallurgiya i Tekhnologiya Metallov), machine building (Mashinostroyeniye), and the construction industry (Stroitel'naya Promyshlennost'). These appear under the over-all title of Novosti Tekhnicheskoy Literatury (News of Technical Literature), and contain information from Russian and foreign books and articles.

For the benefit of Soviet industry and technical library personnel, the library publishes an annotated technical card index entitled "Tekhkart." In addition, the library furnishes Soviet workers with bibliographies on various technical fields in a series entitled, "What the Worker Should Read About His Occupation," and issues such bibliographies as "International Technical Publications," "Foreign Technical Reference Works," etc.

The library has published 50 textbooks and outlines as aids for other technical libraries, and was responsible for instituting advanced courses and seminars designed to provide further training for technical library personnel.(34)

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