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Smolensk State Agricultural Academy

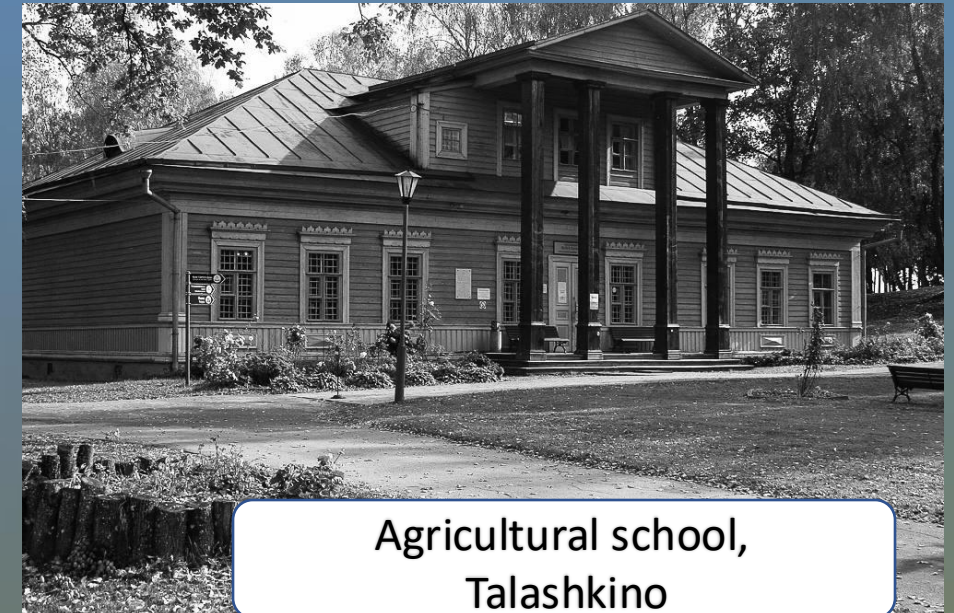
Smolensk



History of Smolensk State Agricultural Academy

"...how it all started..."

The creation of an Agricultural University in the Smolensk region was preceded by a long history. Before the beginning of the 20th century, there were no higher educational institutions in the region. However, at the beginning of the last century, an agricultural school was organized in the estate of the princes Tenishev in Talashkino, which trained "literate farmers". The training of qualified personnel for the villages of the Smolensk region was carried out by one of the oldest educational institutions - the Gorki Agricultural Institute (now the Belarusian Agricultural Academy, Gorki).



Agricultural school,
Talashkino



одно из первых зданий Горьгорецкого земледельческого института, построенно в первой половине XIX в.

The policy of the Soviet government on training qualified personnel



Higher education institutions were opened all over the country. On December 2, 1929, the Bureau of the Western Regional Committee of the All-Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks) made a historic decision to open an agricultural university in Smolensk on a budgetary basis. However, the institute, which received the name Zootechnical and Veterinary, was opened only in 1935. A building was specially constructed for it on Oktyabrskaya Street (the area of the current post office building).



Scientific research

Scientists of the established agricultural institute, together with the experimental field cropping station and the State selection station for grain crops, achieved great success in scientific research. As a result of their work, 11 varieties of flax were bred, which occupied almost half of all varietal flax crops in the Soviet Union.

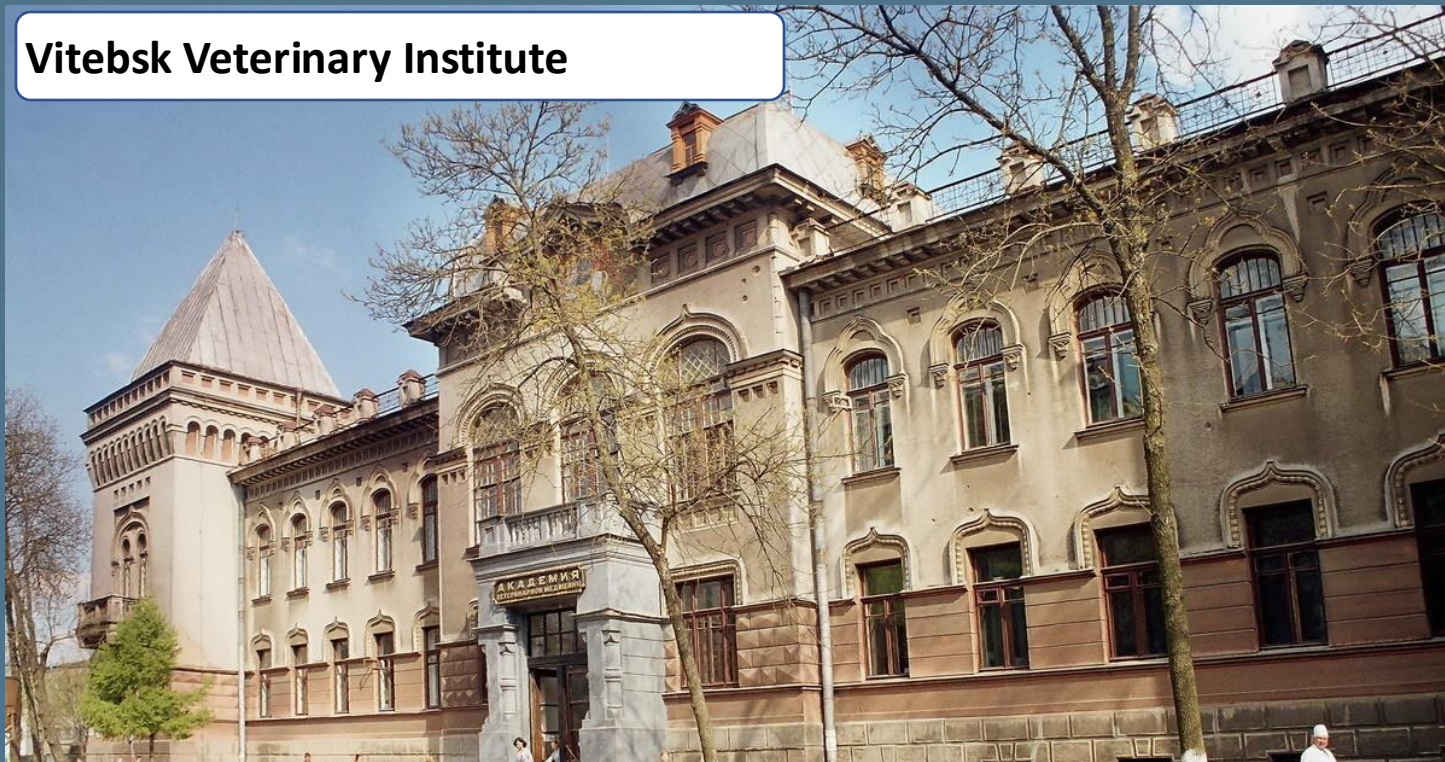


Great Patriotic War

During the war, the institute was closed and reopened only in 1952. However, there was not a single graduation. In 1956, the Smolensk Zootechnical and Veterinary Institute was transferred to the city of Velikiye Luki, where future zootechnicians continued their training, and veterinarians were sent to the Vitebsk Veterinary Institute.



Vitebsk Veterinary Institute



**Velikiye Luki State
Agricultural University**



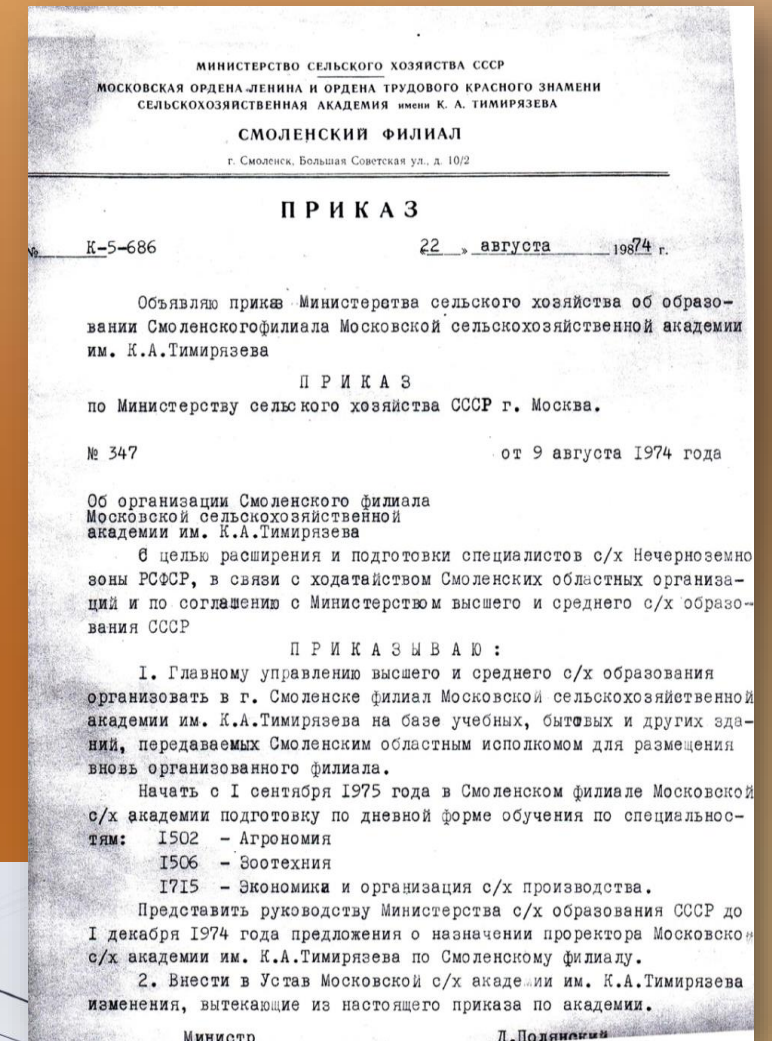
The beginning of the journey

A new stage in the development of agricultural education in the Smolensk region began in the mid-1970s. The decision to organize a branch of the Moscow Agricultural Academy named after K.A. Timiryazev in Smolensk was made by the USSR Ministry of Agriculture in 1974, at the request of regional organizations and personally the first secretary of the Smolensk Regional Committee of the CPSU Ivan Efimovich Klimenko. The educational institution was located in two buildings. Today they are historical monuments of the city.

academic
Building № 1



academic
building № 2



The opening ceremony of the Smolensk branch of the Moscow Agricultural Academy named after K.A. Timiryazev.



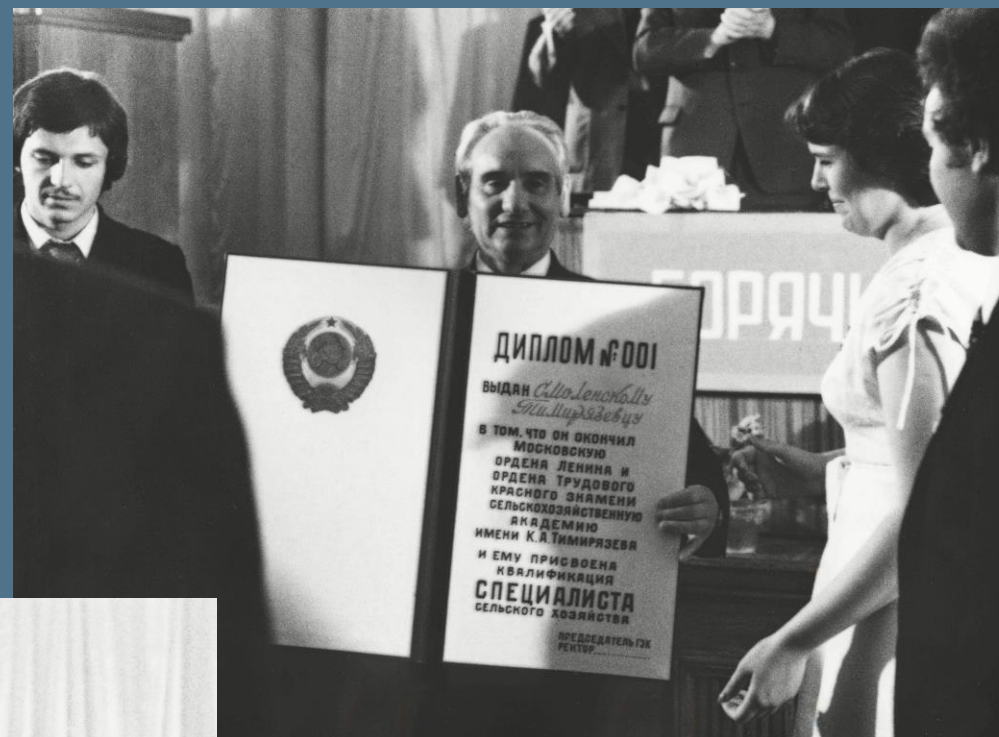
The branch began its educational activity on December 1, 1974 with the work of the preparatory department. The opening ceremony of the Smolensk branch was attended by the rector of the Timiryazev Agricultural Academy, academician of the All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences Petr Petrovich Vavilov, the first vice-rector of the academy Mikhail Ivanovich Sinyukov and the first secretary of the Smolensk regional party committee Ivan Efimovich Klimenko.

Student construction teams



The branch's student construction and mechanized teams, which actively participated in agricultural work, provided great assistance in the construction of agricultural facilities and the creation of modern infrastructure in the countryside.





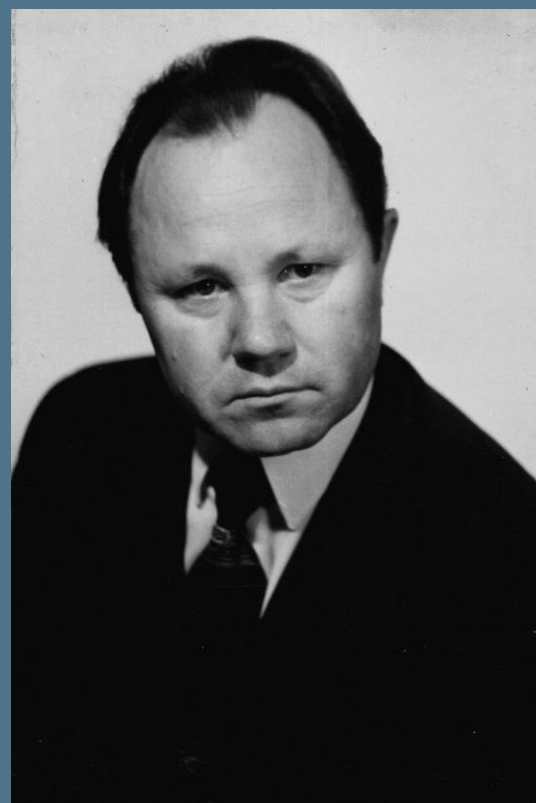
The first graduation of students who graduated from the Smolensk branch and received diplomas from the Moscow Order of Lenin and the Red Banner of Labor Agricultural Academy named after K.A. Timiryazev took place in 1980.

First rector

Alexander Ivanovich Golovnya

1975-1986

The head of the new university was candidate of agricultural sciences, associate professor Alexander Ivanovich Golovnya. Under his leadership, a solid material and technical base was created, which allowed the team to successfully implement the tasks set before it and compete with the oldest universities in Smolensk.

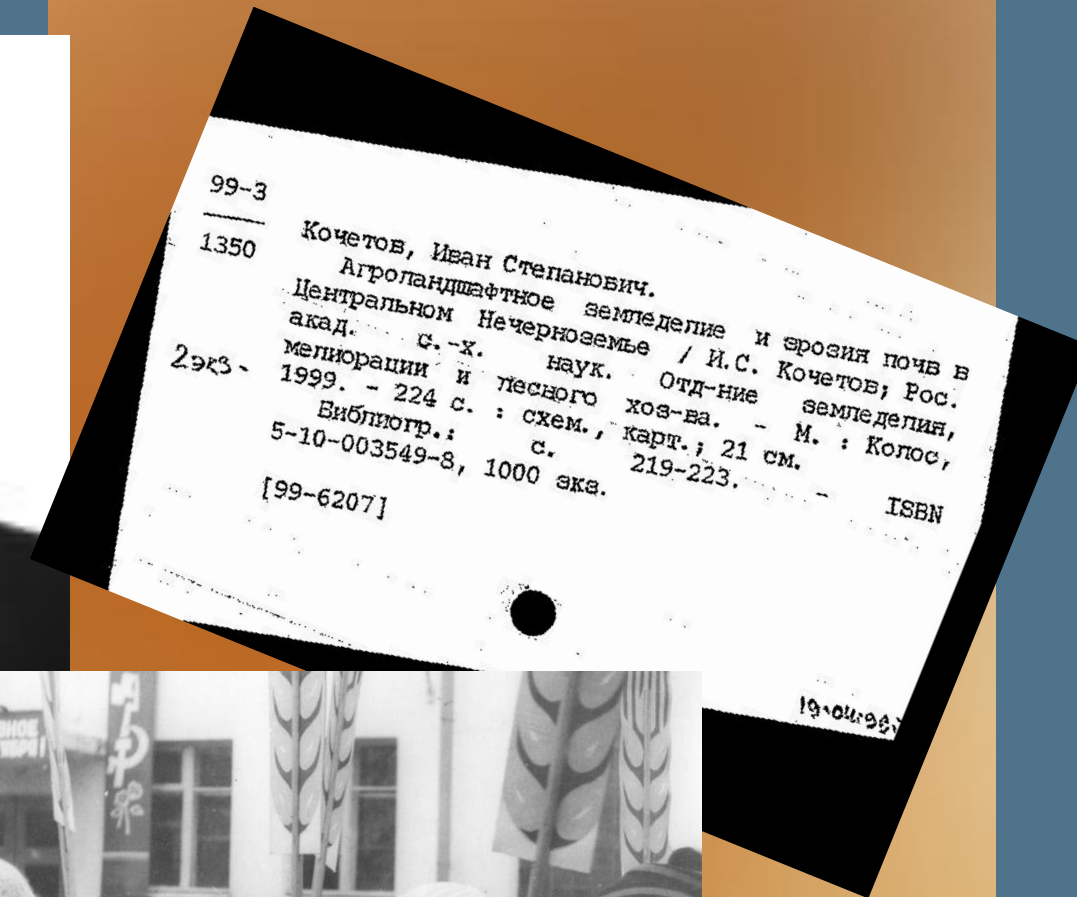


Kochetov Ivan Stepanovich

Head of the Smolensk branch of the TSA

1986-1989

Ivan Stepanovich made a great contribution to the further development of the institute, improvement of its material base and organization of the educational process, and improvement of the quality of training of specialists. One of the authors of scientific developments on soil protection from water erosion, implemented in agricultural enterprises of the Central Federal District. He published more than 100 scientific works, including 10 monographs, 6 textbooks and teaching aids for universities.



Sinitsyn Nikolay Vasilievich

Rector of the Smolensk Agricultural Institute

1990-2000

Thanks to the work of Nikolai Vasilyevich Sinitsyn, Doctor of Agricultural Sciences, Professor, Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation, the Smolensk branch of the Timiryazev Agricultural Academy acquired the status of an independent educational institution in December 1990 and was named the "Smolensk Agricultural Institute".

In March 1997, according to the order of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food No. 92, the institute was renamed the State Educational Institution "Smolensk Agricultural Institute".



Kamoshenkov Anatoly Romanovich

Rector of the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Professional
Education "Smolensk State Agricultural Academy"

2000-2012

Since December 2000, the Institute was headed by Doctor of Veterinary Sciences, Professor and Honored Veterinarian of the Russian Federation Anatoly Romanovich Kamoshenkov. Under the leadership of Anatoly Romanovich, the agricultural university became one of the most prestigious higher educational institutions in the Smolensk region, training specialists at all levels of university, pre-university and post-graduate education.



Petkevich Nikolay Semenovich
Rector of the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of
Higher Professional Education "Smolensk State Agricultural
Academy"
2013-2016

In April 2013, at a conference of scientific and pedagogical workers, Professor, Doctor of Agricultural Sciences Nikolai Semenovich Petkevich was elected rector of the Academy. He set the task of constantly increasing the efficiency of the university by improving the quality and competitiveness of graduates. Over the years of work, a clear management system has been developed. The structure of the Academy includes four faculties (engineering and technology, livestock technology and veterinary medicine, economics, advanced training and professional training of personnel), 11 departments operating at the faculties, an educational department, 3 scientific laboratories, and an educational and scientific center for veterinary medicine.



Kuchumov Aleksey Valerievich

**Rector of the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher
Education Smolensk State Agricultural Academy**

2016 –2022

Under the leadership of Aleksey Valerievich Kuchumov, the priority areas at the Academy were "Flax", "Potato" and "Milk". The Academy, together with the Federal State Budgetary Scientific Institution "Smolensk State Agricultural Scientific Center named after Engelhardt" and LLC "Kozinsky Greenhouse Plant" became participants in the comprehensive scientific and technical project "Development of Potato Breeding and Seed Production in the Smolensk Region". As part of the activities to develop the flax complex in the region, the Academy actively began cooperation with leading institutions and farms in Russia and Belarus engaged in breeding, seed production, cultivation and processing of fiber flax.



An agricultural university is not only prestigious, but also extremely important for the sustainable development of our country!

Today, Smolensk State Agricultural Academy is a modern multidisciplinary university, including four faculties, nine departments, educational and methodological department, research departments and other structural units. The university provides training in six master's degree programs, 16 bachelor's degree programs, two specialist programs, six postgraduate specialties and three working professions. Over these fifty years, the university has become a significant center for training qualified specialists for the agricultural sector and agriculture as a whole.



Thank you for your attention!



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