

REVIEWS AND NOTES



**ELEONORA DYUSENOVNA
SULEIMENOVA**

Eleonora Dyusenovna Suleimenova, outstanding scientist of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Professor, Doctor of Philological Sciences turns 80 years old today.

It is significant that the jubilee of the scientist coincides with the 90th anniversary of the Kazakh National University named after Al-Farabi, in the walls of which E.D. Suleimenova has spent so many years. Her way from the teacher to the Head of the Department of General Linguistics and Dean of the Faculty of Philology was followed by the array of graduated students who joined the ranks of teachers and researchers. These former students of Eleonora Suleimenova have brought up numerous generations of teachers and scientists in Kazakhstan.

E.D. Suleimenova stood at the origins of Kazakhstani sociolinguistics and language theory. Together with her mother Rafika B. Nurtazina, Hero of Socialist Labour, Candidate of Pedagogical Sciences, prominent specialist and organiser in the sphere of national linguistic didactics, Eleonora Suleimenova became the author of multiple editions of textbooks for schools with Kazakh, Uighur, Uzbek and other languages of instruction.

Modern philology cannot be imagined without Professor Suleimenova's works covering a wide range of issues in the field of bilingualism, contrastive and cognitive linguistics. Professor Suleimenova's work in recent years has been marked by her concentration on the issues of mass bilingualism. A striking and impressive contribution to the popularisation of the Kazakh language and its development is the creation (together with ASTR/ ACCELS and Indiana University) of eleven educational Modules of the Kazakh language on culture made by M. Lekich, E. Suleimenova, D. Akanova, K. Kadasheva. Open access to the Modules on the Internet makes the language of the Kazakh people more visible.

Professor Suleimenova's extensive public activity is awarded at state and international levels. A member of the Scientific and Expert Council of the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan, the International Committee of Slavists, the Presidium of the International Association for the Promotion of Russian Language and Literature and the President of the Kazakhstan Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature, the Public Council

of the Basic Organisation for Languages and Culture of the CIS Member States, the Academic Council of INTAS (International Association for the Promotion of Cooperation with Scientists from New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union), editorial boards of national and international journals – this is the glorious path of Professor Suleimenova with her associates, colleagues, like-minded supporters and students. E.D. Suleimenova headed the Kazakhstan Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature from the moment of its foundation till 2024. An important event in the life of the International Association for the Promotion of Russian Language and Literature was the holding of the 14th Congress “Russian Word in a Multilingual World” in the capital of Kazakhstan in 2019.

The path to science and education started with postgraduate studies at the Moscow Linguistic University under the guidance of the exceptional linguist and philosopher G.V. Kolshansky. Her doctoral thesis was successfully defended at Lomonosov Moscow State University.

Continuity in science became the motto of Suleimenova’s life. The doctoral dissertation council on specialities 10.02.01 – Russian Language, 10.02.19 – Language Theory and 10.02.20 – Comparative-historical, Typological and Comparative Linguistics, which Professor Suleimenova has headed for many years, became a forge of personnel not only for Kazakhstan, but also for the countries of Central Asia. The interdepartmental scientific seminar contributed to the discovery of new names in science and the development of the main trends in science.

The Suleimenova’s Laboratory *Sociolinguistics, Theory and Practice of Translation*, founded in 2000, has united scientists from Canada, the USA, Kazakhstan and carried out 13 international research projects (INTAS, ACCELS, Lomonosov Moscow State University, St. Petersburg State University, RUDN, MSLU, etc.) and 20 national fundamental and applied research projects (MES RK, MIK RK, Assembly of People of Kazakhstan, National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of Republic of Kazakhstan “Atameken”). The laboratory has set the scientific basis of language policy and language education in Kazakhstan. The publication of the dictionary of sociolinguistic terms has met the needs of the country’s foreign and domestic policy, providing its scientific and informational support.

The extension of the area of research has led to the expansion of the scale of scientific activity. Being Visiting Professor of the Department of Slavic Studies at the University of Maryland (College Park, USA) and having close co-operation with the American Councils for International Education (ACCELS) E.D. Suleimenova has broken fresh ground in the history of creating new textbooks, electronic and traditional textbooks on the Kazakh language. These include joint supervision of Ph.D. students and interns and publications in American journals.

Signs of high state and public recognition are governmental awards of Professor Suleimenova – orders “Barys” and “Kurmet”.

On behalf of the scientific community of the CIS countries and foreign countries we congratulate Eleonora Suleimenova on her jubilee, the way to which is paved with achievements serving as an example for the beginning researcher and teacher. We sincerely wish the hero of the day health, prosperity and success, creative joy and worthy successors!

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