

The Faculty of Law of the Lomonosov Moscow State University

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The Faculty of Law is the oldest faculty of the Lomonosov Moscow State University. It was founded on January 25th 1755, the day of Saint Tatiana, under "The Decree on establishing a university and two gymnasiums in Moscow", issued by Her Majesty Empress Elizabeth. The Law Faculty headed the list of three faculties (law, philosophy and medicine) which laid the foundation for University education in Russia. The Faculty started its work in 1758, because the first 6 students of the University began taking the courses of all University professors available at that time. For the first decade of Moscow University's history the only professor at the Faculty was F. Dil'tei, Doctor of Law from the Vienna University, invited to teach almost the whole range of juridical disciplines.

In 1766 the Faculty had already 2 expatriate professors on staff: F. Dil'tei and K. Langer who gave lectures in Latin and German languages. The full-scale teaching of juridical subjects began in 1767, when S. Desnitsky and I. Tretjakov, recent students of the Moscow University, became the University professors upon their return to Russia from the University of Glasgow, where they received doctors of law degrees. Alexey Artemyev and Ivan Borzov, were the first lawyers to graduate, received their diplomas and were awarded gold medals upon their graduation in 1770. Although the number of students in XVIII century was relatively small (about 10-20), among the graduates were I. Timkovsky (1796), professor and the first dean of the faculty of law of Kharkov University, and F. Vronchenko (1801), future Minister of Finance of the Russian Empire.

Two professors, F. Bauze and M. Skiadan, one adjunct, A. Rogov, and one teacher of the Russian art of law, Z. Goryushkin taught at the Law Faculty in the beginning of XIX century. Professor F. Bauze was elected dean of the Faculty of Law when the role of deans was first introduced to the University in 1803. By the Charter of the Moscow University of 1804, the faculty structure was reformed to include law departments into the morality and politics division. In pursuance to the Charter of Russian universities of 1835, the Faculty

of Law of the Moscow University was revised to be comprised of 7 departments. The structure of the Faculty of Law was finalized according to the Charter of 1863 which expanded the number of departments up to 13 and strengthened their specialization in various branches of law.

The Charter of 1884 established that each of the 12 departments of the Faculty would have 11 ordinary and 4 extraordinary staff professors. The two well-known legal professional associations, the Moscow juridical society (1863) and Tchouprov Society for social sciences development (1911), functioned at the Faculty. The Law Bulletin was published during 1867-1892. Within the faculty structure the following auxiliary training establishments were organized in 1890s-1900s: the library-conference hall, the office and museum of criminal law, the office of police (administrative) law, the statistics office, the Social Museum named after A. Pogozheva. 13 professors and 19 private-docents were teaching at 12 departments of the Faculty before World War I. With the teaching staff being quite few in number, the Faculty trained 3757 students that year and in this respect was in the lead among other Moscow University faculties.

In XIX century the pride and glory of Russian jurisprudence were Moscow University professors I. Belyaev, adjunct K. Kavelin, N. Krylov, V. Leshkov, P. Redkin, E. Trubetskoy, L. Tsvetaev, F. Shershenevich, and others. Scholars of the Faculty of Law, such as N. Kalachov, B. Chitcherin, I. Yanzhul, L. Kamarovsky, A. Philippov, A. Tchouprov, all of whom received their diploma in law at the Moscow University were elected to the Russian Academy of Sciences. Five Faculty graduates, N. Bogolepov, N. Zverev, L. Kamarovsky, D. Bogolepov and I. Udaltsov became rectors of the Moscow University.

After the October revolution of 1917 the Faculty of Law of the Moscow University was closed down by the Decree of the RSFSR People's Commissioner for Education of December 23, 1918, "in view of complete obsolescence of the curricula".

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Instead, the Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) with a law subdivision within its structure was opened in 1919. On the basis of FSS the Faculty of Soviet Law was opened in 1925, and subsequently liquidated in 1931, thus ending an the university juridical education. From that point on, the institutes of soviet law and soviet system organization and structuring started the training of legal practitioners.

The present Faculty of Law was restored within the MSU, named after Ì. Lomonosov, on the March 7th 1942. It consisted of 8 faculties. The first dean was professor I. Udaltsov who was soon replaced by professor F. Kozhevnikov. On the 14th of July, 1954, the Faculty of Law of the Moscow State University and the Moscow Juridical Institute were amalgamated. The current structure of the Faculty of Law of the MSU named after Ì. Lomonosov was eventually formed by 1993: 14 departments, 3 laboratories and the scientific and codification bureau. In November 2003 the International Law Programme of the MSU Faculty of Law was launched in Geneva, Switzerland. Teaching is carried out by law scholars from the Moscow State University, as well as from Swiss and other European universities.

In post-war years outstanding scientists elected to the Academy of Sciences of the USSR for their merits, were teaching at the Faculty, namely; expert in theory of state I. Trainin, foreign affairs experts E. Korovin and G. Tounkin, civil law experts P. Orlovsky, and criminology experts S. Golounsky, P. Romashkin and A. Trainin. In addition, many professors of the Faculty dedicated decades of their work to the Moscow University and became widely-recognized authorities of jurisprudence, including the following: N. Alexandrov, G. Amphitheatrov, G. Barabashev, A. Vassiliev, P. Galanza, B. Galkin, K. Gorshenin, V. Gribanov, A. Denissov, A. Dobrovolsky, N. Dourmanov, A. Zaikin, D. Zlatopolsky, G. Ivanov, N. Kazantsev, A. Karass, D. Karev, S. Kechekian, A. Kleinman, S. Korneyev, S. Kravchouk, G. Kriger, N. Kouprits, I. Martysevich, V. Menshagin, A. Mishin, I. Novitsky, V. Petrov, V. Serebrovsky, S. Yushkov, I. Yakimov and others.

Scientific studies and pedagogical talent of quite a number of scholars have received international recognition testified by the honorary academic statuses awarded by foreign universities to professors such as: G. Tounkin, *Doctor honoris causa* of the Parisian University (France); E. Sukhanov, Honorary Doctor of Law of the Ss. Cyril and Methody University in Skopje (Macedonia); A. Golichenkov, *Doctor honoris causa* of the Southwest University "Neophyte Rilski" (Bulgaria).

Some scholars of the Faculty won the State Prizes of the USSR and the Russian Federation, includ-

ing: M. Gernet (1947), L. Lunts (1970), N. Kuznetsova (1984), G. Tounkin (1987), O. Chistyakov and T. Novitskaya (1996). Six persons were awarded the Lomonosov Prize, namely professors V. Balezin, V. Gribanov, G. Ivanov, V. Petrov for their scientific activities, and professors N. Krashennnikova and M. Marchenko for their pedagogical activities. The following four academics received the Shouvalov Prize of the Moscow University; Professor A. Sherstobitov, and associate professors L. Golovko, D. Dedov, and N. Peshin. Professor E. Lukjanova received the Lenin Komsomol Prize, Professor S. Avakjan received the A. Koni Prize, and Professors E. Sukhanov and M. Treushnikov were the recipients of the "Themis" prize.

A big group of staff members have honorary titles in the Moscow University: N. Krashennnikova, N. Kuznetsova, E. Koutsova, V. Popkov, Yu. Tkachevsky, O. Chistyakov, N. Yablokov, I. Zenin, E. Tsentrov are Honored professors; A. Karmolitsky, D. Potashnik, Z. Samoshina, L. Ulianova, V. Tchibisov, E. Kulagina are Honoured teachers; V. Mironov and B. Filimonov are Honoured scientific workers; and N. Vorobiev and G. Kokhanova are Honoured workers. Honored science workers of the Russian Federation are professors S. Avakiyan, K. Gutsenko, V. Koldin, N. Kuznetsova, M. Marchenko, Yu. Tkachevsky, M. Treushnikov, N. Yablokov. Honoured lawyers of the Russian Federation are professors A. Alekhin, G. Borzenkov, K. Gutsenko, V. Koldin, A. Kourennoy, B. Pouginsky, N. Yablokov, associate professors I. Piskarev, V. Severin.

In 2005, the Faculty of Law was awarded the "Themis" Prize in the nomination of "Alma Mater" for its great contribution to the development of juridical education and in connection with the 250th anniversary of the Moscow University.

Also in connection with the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Moscow University the following state awards were given: Order of Honour to M. Treushnikov, Chairman of the Civil Procedure Department, Medals of the Order of Merit "For the service to the Fatherland" (II Degree) to S. Avakiyan, Chairman of the Constitutional and Municipal Law Department, to A. Golichenkov, Chairman of the Environmental and Land Law Department, and to O. Chistyakov, Chairman of the Department of the State and Law History. Certificates of honor issued by the State Duma "For significant contribution to the development of RF legislation and the dynamic social and political activity" are rewarded to A. Golichenkov, the Dean of the MSU Faculty of Law and to E. Sukhanov, Chairman of the Civil Law Department. "The Star of Moscow University" in the nomination of "The defender of the Fatherland" was presen-

ted to Yu. Tkachevsky, Hero of the Soviet Union, Doctor of Law and professor of the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology.

The Faculty has always seen its future in talented young people. During the post-October period the Moscow University saw 70 graduations exceeding in total 15 thousand lawyers. At present, more than 2100 full-time and specialized division students, including foreign citizens, are enrolled in the Faculty. The plan provides for enrollment of 320 students each year. Apart from that, starting from 2004, the Faculty practices training on commercial terms. The best students get individual scholarships (established by the RF Government, the MSU Rector, Academic Council, scholarships named after M. Lomonosov, A. Griboyedov, I. Shuvalov, etc.) More than 120 foreign citizens from more than 25 countries take courses together with Russian students at the Faculty of Law. Roughly 200 Russian and foreign graduate students, aspirants and trainees are at the Faculty.

The scientific society of students and graduate students has taken responsibility for organizing activities of student scientific study groups, conferences and ensuring involvement of our students therein.

The students organize various creative associations, such as dancing, vocal and musical associations. The editorial board of the Faculty student newspaper (including wall-newspaper) is working under the auspices of the trade-union committee of the Faculty of Law. Every student feeling capable of that kind of activity can work there. The most interesting student artistic works and photographs are displayed on the exhibition stand of the Faculty. The Faculty management contributes substantially to the introduction of sports spirit and encourages the students' involvement into sports: for example, a football club was created at the Faculty and a series of matches within the framework of a championship tournament took place.

During 1994-2004, the MSU Faculty of Law focused its efforts on the most important areas of scientific studies, which are inseparably connected with the active participation of the Faculty departments and individual scholars in law drafting. The more than 10-year old scientific research of professor E. Sukhanov, Chairman of the Civil Law Department of the MSU Faculty of Law, carried out in connection with the participation in drafting the RF Civil Code concept, development of its structure and work in the related drafting commission, was completed in 2002. As was the research of Professor M. Treushnikov, Chairman of the Civil Procedure Department, and Professor V. Sherstyuk relating to the participation in the above-mentioned concept and structure,

elaboration and work in the drafting commission for the RF Civil Procedure Code. A special role in drafting provisions of the RF Arbitration Proceedings Code belongs to Professor V. Sherstyuk, who contributed greatly to the elaboration of two previous versions of the RF Arbitration Proceedings Code. Professor A. Golichenkov, Chairman of the Environmental and Land Law Department, associate professors G. Volkov and O. Kozyr took active part in drafting the concept, elaborating on the structure and in the work of the drafting commission for the development of the RF Land Code.

By the year 2004, over 10-year long scientific research projects, carried out by the scholars of the Constitutional and Municipal Law Department of the MSU Faculty of Law, were aimed at the development of the legislative basis ensuring the legal effect of the RF Constitution. Professor S. Avakiyan, Chairman of the Department of Constitutional and Municipal Law, was included in the working team on elaboration of concept, structure and content of the draft Federal Law on the general principles of organization of local governing. Professors S. Avakiyan, N. Bogdanov, associate professors A. Arbouzkin and I. Starostina were included in the working group on elaboration of concept, structure and content of the laws on elections.

Professor V. Komissarov, Chairman of the Criminal Law and Criminology Department, and Professor N. Kuznetsova took active part in the elaboration of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation. The scholars of the Criminal Law and Criminology Department of the Faculty of Law of MSU completed preparation of a number of fundamental scientific works dedicated to the application of the RF Criminal Code by the year of 2002. The main scientific result of the Department staff efforts was released in the five-volume "Course of criminal law" of the total size of 170 quires.

Between 1993-2004, over 90 monographs, nearly 1500 scientific articles and scientific reports, more than 50 commentaries on the current legislation, and more than 700 reports made at scientific conferences in Russia and abroad (including over 220 delivered at international conferences) were written and published by the professors and lecturers of the Faculty of Law. Within the same period the professors and lecturers of the Faculty wrote and published more than 300 textbooks and training aids. In 2004-2005 the scholars of the Faculty published over 10 juridical discipline textbooks in the framework of "Classical university textbook" series. The series "Classics of the Russian civil law science" (over 40 volumes), "Anthology of the world legal thought", "Anthology of criminalistics" and other series that return the values of the Russian legal thought of XIX-XX centuries

to our contemporaries hold special position among the scientific studies of the departments within the Faculty. In addition, the publication of 6 volumes of "The Digest" (in total there will be 8) was a remarkable step on the road to the revival of historical heritage. The studies of scholars and the scientific papers of students and graduate students are published in "The Herald of the Moscow University, Series 11 Law". The Faculty, in cooperation with the Institute of World History at the Russian Academy of Science, founded the Center for studying Roman law in 1997 and with the support of the University of Sassari in Italy, publishes the all-Russian periodical entitled "The ancient law, Jus antiquum".

The MSU Faculty of Law, together with the Russian Academy of Juridical Sciences and the RF Union of Lawyers, organized 5 all-Russia scientific conferences dedicated to addressing the vital problems of juridical science and practice. In addition, Lomonosov readings are held annually. Conferences and readings are organized by a number of departments, including: the Department of History of State and Law (which organized 51 Moscow history and law readings); the Department of Constitutional and Municipal Law (11 conferences); the Department of Environmental and Land Law (12), the Department of Criminal Law (5), the Department of Civil Law (3), the Department of Criminalistics (3), and the Department of Commercial Law (2). In addition, in 2004–2005 one conference and two round tables were held by the Department of Business Law. The student scientific conference "Lomonosov" is held annually at the Law Faculty, and within the framework of 15 sections of topical problems of modern law, prospects for its development are discussed.

6 dissertation councils are established and operate at the Faculty. During the last 10 years 25 doctoral and 155 candidate dissertations were defended there, including 13 doctoral and 35 candidate dissertations defended by staff members of the Department. For the purpose of the implementation of the long-term programme of recruiting and training unique scholars and lecturers for staffing the departments of the Faculty, reputed as Russia's leading law school, the Young Doctors programme was prepared and launched in 2003.

The Faculty of Law attaches great significance to international cooperation. This line of activity is aimed at boosting involvement and active participation of professors, lecturers, graduate students and students of the Faculty in the life of the international society of professional lawyers. The Faculty supports and develops relations with the leading law schools of European, Asian and American countries. At present productive ties have been established with the universities of Regensburg (Ger-

many), Aix Marseille I and Montpellier I (France), Sassari (Italia), Salzburg (Austria), Ss. Cyril and Methody University of Skopje (Macedonia), the Southwestern University "Neophyte Rilski" (Bulgaria), the Vilnius University (Lithuania), the Fowdan University (China), the Yerevan University (Armenia), and the Kiev National University, named after Taras Shevchenko, (Ukraine). The Faculty is a member and active participant of the European Law Faculties Association.

Before the October revolution among the graduates of the Faculty were Decembrist S. Semenov, prominent lawyers A. Koni and F. Plevako, ministers I. Delyanov and V. Pleve, Moscow mayor N. Gouchkov, the first chairman of the Provisional Government G. L'vov, well-known businessmen S. Lianozov and N. Prokhorov, patrons of art Yu. Nechaev-Maltsev and S. Morozov, writers Ya. Polonskiy, A. Afanas'ev, A. Ostrovsky and L. Andreev, singer L. Sobinov, composer N. Rubinstein, artist V. Kandinsky, philosophers I. Ilyin and S. Frank, theologians S. Boulgakov and Patriarch of Russia Aleksiy I (Simanskiy) among others.

The weighty contribution of several generations of the Faculty graduates to Soviet and Russian science was marked by their elections to the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, the Russian Academy of Sciences. Historians S. Veselovskiy and N. Drouzhinin, lawyers V. Nersesyants and O. Koutafin became academicians, lawyer E. Loukasheva, art critic A. Ossovskiy and economist K. Pazhitnov – corresponding members.

Among our graduates are well-known state officers including: M. Gorbachev, President of the USSR, D. Shepilov, Nobel Prize winner and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, A. Loukianov, Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, V. Zor'kin, Chairman of the RF Constitutional Court, V. Lebedev, Chairman of the RF Supreme Court, V. Vitryanskiy, Deputy Chairman of the RF Higher Arbitration Tribunal, I. Shuvalov, Deputy Head of the Administration of the RF President. In addition to a number of deputies of the State Duma and members of the Federal Council of I-IV convocations including: I. Babichev, A. Gourou, V. Zhirinovskiy, Yu. Ivanov, A. Makarov, N. Khavanskiy and others.

The Faculty graduates established the "Association of graduates of the Faculty of Law of the Moscow State University named after M. Lomonosov", a regional public organization primarily aimed at maintaining durable, life-long relations of the university graduates with their *Alma mater*. The IVth Humanitarian building (the Law Faculty), under construction since 2005 and expected to be completed in 2007, plays an important role in the future plans of the Faculty. □