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In Memoriam: Zbandut Inna Semenovna, literary editor of the "Ophthalmological Journal"

On February 19, 2022, Inna Semenovna Zbandut, literary editor of the Journal of Ophthalmology (Ukraine), Candidate of Biological Sciences, passed away. All her work is inextricably linked with the Filatov Institute and with the Journal of Ophthalmology (Ukraine). Inna Semenovna lived an interesting life; she was distinguished by true intelligence, education, literacy, high professionalism, zest for life and optimism.

Inna Semenovna Zbandut (née Soldatenko) was born on August 17, 1931, in Kharkiv; her father, Semion Stepanovich, was a forest engineer, and her mother, Valentina Efimovna, a typist. Inna Semenovna's father was transferred to work to the Odessa Forestry District in 1933, and since that time her life has been closely associated with the South Palmira.

After leaving school, she entered the Mechnikov University of Odessa, where she graduated in Biology in 1954. That year I.S. Zbandut joined the Filatov institute as a laboratory assistant in the Laboratory for Optical Functions under Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Malinovskii, a senior researcher and Laboratory Head, and Varvara Vasil'ievna Skorodinskaia, a senior researcher and Head of Physical Therapy Department. She was actively involved in experimental and clinical studies on the etiopathogenesis of myopia. In 1964, she was promoted to junior researcher of the laboratory, and since that year was involved in experimental studies on the supporting function of the sclera in the postembryonic development of the eye. These studies resulted in a Cand Sc (Biology) thesis entitled "Experimental study on the supporting function of the sclera in the postembryonic development of the eye and refraction". The thesis was performed under the supervision of A.A. Malinovskii, Dr Sc (Biology), and successfully defended at the meeting of the Academic Council of the School of Biology at the Mechnikov University of Odessa in 1967.

After defending her Cand Sc (Biology) thesis, I.S. Zbandut together with senior researchers V.V. Skorodinskaia and S.S. Cherniak was actively involved in studies on the geography of myopia in Ukraine and continued her studies on the pathogenesis of myopia. The results of these studies were reported at conferences and publications.



From 1969 to 1978 I.S. Zbandut worked as a researcher at the re-established Department for Science and Medical Information under senior researcher L.S. Zholnorovich, where she created a large card file for ophthalmological subjects with references to specific articles from the journals and article collections delivered to the Filatov institute library at that period.

In 1978, upon the suggestion of the Filatov institute Director, Acad. Nadezhda Aleksandrovna Puchkovskaia, she was transferred to work in the editorial office of the journal. For more than 40 years she has been working there as a copy editor and corrector, making journal articles conforming to the requirements of the Universal Decimal Classification System and maintaining office documentation.

Inna Semenovna Zbandut is a creative person with a poetic talent. She wrote poetry since her student days. Her formation on this path was largely facilitated by communication with remarkable scientists-poets -

Professor I.I. Puzanov during the years of study at the Department of Zoology, and Professor A.A. Malinovsky during the years of work in the laboratory, which he headed. Her collection of verses entitled "A Late Debut" was published in 2011.

Thanks to her experience, knowledge, life principles and dedication, Inna Semyonovna enjoyed invariable respect from the staff, setting an example of professionalism,

diligence, trouble-free and conscientious attitude to work. We will forever remember her indefatigable vitality, cheerfulness, boundless devotion to her work. A bright memory of her will remain in our hearts.

The editors of the "Journal of Ophthalmology (Ukraine)" and the staff of the Filatov Institute