

PERSONALIA

To the Anniversary of Dr. Lyudmila Mylnikova

On March 9, 2017, the archaeologist Lyudmila Mylnikova, Leading Researcher at the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of the SB RAS, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Laureate of the State Award of the Novosibirsk Region, has celebrated her anniversary. Lyudmila is a representative of the “old guard” of our Institute; her first teachers were Academicians A.P. Okladnikov, A.P. Derevianko, and V.I. Molodin. In the Institute, she has worked her way up from Laboratory Assistant to Leading Researcher.

Lyudmila Mylnikova was born in the town of Toguchin in the Novosibirsk Region. From her early childhood, she was well familiar with all difficulties of life of a simple worker-and-peasant family. The father of Lyudmila, Nikolai Alexandrovich, worked as a driver in a local motor transport facility. Her mother, Pavlina Pavlovna, took part in the construction of the Toguchin hydro-electric power station and worked at a collective farm. Hardships of childhood and probably strict but right upbringing by her parents developed such remarkable qualities of Lyudmila Mylnikova as honesty, integrity, and humaneness. Lyudmila is respected and loved by her friends, colleagues, and students.

In 1974, after completing her studies in the secondary school, Lyudmila entered the Historical and Pedagogical Department of Novosibirsk State Pedagogical Institute, which she successfully graduated in 1979. At the first year in the institute, her meeting with the future Academician V.I. Molodin, the doctoral student of Academician Alexey Okladnikov, became life-changing for her. After graduation from the institute, Lyudmila was invited to work in the Archaeological Sector of the Institute of History, Philology, and Philosophy of the SB AS USSR, in the group of Academician A.P. Okladnikov. Together with V.D. Zaporozhskaya, A.K. Konopatsky, and E.A. Skorynina she participated in the preparation of the monograph by A.P. Okladnikov, *The Ancient Settlement of Kondon (the Amur region)* (Novosibirsk: Nauka, 1983) for publication. Alexey Okladnikov suggested Lyudmila the topic, “Pottery of the Neolithic Tribes in the Lower Amur Region (Based on Materials of the Kondon Pochta Settlement)”, which at that time was little researched. After the death of the Academician A.P. Okladnikov, the supervisor of the selected topic became V.E. Medvedev. In 1992, Lyudmila Mylnikova defended successfully her doctoral dissertation. She deals with the issues of pottery in Siberia and in the adjacent territories until today.



A thorough knowledge of archaeological materials, and the use of innovative methods of comprehensive analysis of pottery allowed L.N. Mylnikova to brilliantly defend her post-doctoral dissertation, *Pottery of the Transitional Period from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age in the Forest-Steppe Zone of Western Siberia: A Dialogue of Cultures*, in 2015.

Since 1993, Dr. Mylnikova has been carrying out her own research on settlements and cemeteries of Western Siberia. Under her supervision and with her direct participation, many well-known sites were thoroughly studied: Tanai-7, Linevo, Berezovy Ostrov, Chicha, Tartas, Vengerovo-2, etc. The results of the technological, physical, and chemical analyses of ancient pottery obtained by Lyudmila Mylnikova, and their interpretation have perfectly entered into many of her comprehensive studies of archaeological sites. In fact, these works have made Lyudmila Mylnikova one of the leading experts in the ancient pottery of North and East Asia from the Early Neolithic to the Middle Ages.

The system of comprehensive study of ancient pottery techniques developed by Lyudmila Mylnikova, with the mandatory application of various natural scientific methods of analyzing the materials of the site under study, and the use of similar artifacts from the adjacent territories, contributes to the development of global issues of reconstruction of ethnic and cultural history of the population of North and East Asia. Dr. Mylnikova always harmoniously balances intense field research in Western Siberia and the Far East with analytical work and teaching in Novosibirsk State University. She authored over 200 publications, including 12 monographs and guidebooks. A special place among her works is taken by the studies on technological and ornamental-morphological research of ancient ceramics. Lyudmila Mylnikova's studies are in great demand in national and international scholarly community. Some works of Lyudmila Mylnikova has been published in the Republic of Korea, Japan, China,

Germany, Ukraine, and USA. Dr. Mylnikova is an active participant in many Russian and international scientific conferences, symposia, and congresses, and is often invited to make reports. For over fifteen years, Lyudmila Mylnikova has been a Scientific Secretary at the Department of Metal Ages Archaeology of the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of the SB RAS, and an Expert at the Department of Field Research at the Institute of Archaeology of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Lyudmila Mylnikova has celebrated her anniversary in the prime of her creative energy. We wish her many new expeditions, new books, new students, and new successes.

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