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FOREWORD

These Proceedings result from the third symposium held by Project 02.02-13 under the aegis of the US-USSR Joint Agreement in the Field of Environmental Protection, established in May, 1972.

Both broad review and narrowly specific papers were presented by participants from both countries in an effort to continue the joint procedural, technological and methodological exchange and familiarization begun at the two preceeding symposia in 1975 and 1976. Learning does not occur <u>de novo</u> and subsequent understanding and application must be based on a foundation of fact. The atmosphere of mutual interest, candor and respect which surrounded this symposium enabled another series of steps in the learning process. Perhaps the philosphy underlying this symposium, and the project itself is best expressed by an old saying, which transliterated from the Russian approximates: Vyek zhee-vee, Vyek oo-chee, Live a lifetime, learn a lifetime.

Norbert Jaworski, Ph.D Director Environmental Research Laboratory-Duluth

PREFACE

This volume contains the papers presented at the Third US-USSR Symposium on the Effects of Pollutants on Aquatic Ecosystems entitled, "Theoretical Aspects of Aquatic Toxicology". All of the papers were presented in English or Russian with simultaneous translations into the corresponding language at Borok, Jaroslval Oblast, USSR during July 2-6, 1979, at the Institute for the Biology of Inland Waters of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

Professor N.V. Butorin, Director of the Institute and Project Leader for the Soviet side, served as official host for the American delegation and has assumed the responsibility for the publication of these proceedings in the Russian language. This joint bilingual publication represents a reaffirmation of the continuing commitment pledged by both countries to cooperative environmental activities.

INTRODUCTION

The Joint US-USSR Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection was established in May of 1972. These proceedings result from one of the projects, Project 02.02-13, Effects of Pollutants Upon Aquatic Ecosystems and Permissible Levels of Pollution.

As knowledge related to fate and transport of pollutants has grown, it has become increasingly apparent that local and even national approaches to solving pollution problems are insufficient. Not only are the problems themselves frequently international, but an understanding of alternate methodological approaches to the problem can avoid needless duplication of efforts. This expansion of interest from local and national represents a logical and natural maturation from the provincial to a global concern for the environment.

In general, mankind is faced with very similar environmental problems regardless of the national of political boundaries which we have erected. While the problems may vary slightly in type or degree, the fundamental and underlying factors are remarkably similar. It is not surprising, therefore, that the interests and concerns of environmental scientists the world over are also quite similar. In this larger sense, we are our brother's brother, and have the ability to understand our fellowman and his dilemma, if we but take the trouble to do so. It is this singular idea of concerned scientists exchanging views with colleagues that provides the basic strength for this project. While our methods may vary, our goals are identical, and therein lies the value of such a cooperative effort.

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