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In 1954 finished Faculty of Geography of Lomonosov Moscow State University with diploma in physical geography. Personally participated in many Arctic and Antarctic expedition and studied glaciers worldwide. In 1967 r. defended a thesis for doctor of sciences in geography, professor. Has been working as a director of the Institute of Geography of Russian Academy of Sciences starting from 1986. In 1991 was elected as a full member of the Russian Academy of Sciences (academician), a member of a Presidium of the RAS. He is a Chairman of Scientific Council for Fundamental Geographic Problems, a Chairman of National Committee of Russian Geographers. President of Glaciological Association. Chairman of Russian national committees for IGBP and for Antarctic research. Chief Editor of academic journals: "Proceedings of the Academy of Sciences, Geographical Series" and "Materials of Glaciological Researches". A member of editorial boards for following journals: Transactions (Doklady) of the Russian Academy of Sciences, "Proceedings of the Russian Geographic Society", "Science in Russia", "Earth and Space", "Criosphere of the Earth", "Geojournal" (Netherlands), "Ocean and Coastal Management" (USA). A Honorary President of the Russian Geographic Society and Honorary Member of French and European Academy of Sciences.

The main area of scientific interests: Geography and Glaciology. Major outputs: explored modern conditions and dynamics of polar (Antarctic and Arctic) and mountain (Caucases, Pamir) glaciations; interpreted materials of deep drilling in Vostok station in Antarctic; developed a conception of system-defined glaciology mapping practiced in the Snow-Glacial World Resources Atlas; suggested a new approach to studying of glacial phenomena and basis for glaciological forecast; made an input into the problem of society and nature interaction: mountain geoecology, environmental monitoring, strategy of society development.

Author of 14 books and of more than 750 scientific publications; edited more than 80 books – in reality edited all national monographs on glaciology for the last 40 years. Selected works:

Antarctic blanket of snow and its role in modern continent glaciation. 1961.
Earth blanket of snow and glacier. 1968
Isotopic and geochemical glaciology. 1982
Ecological problems of Russia. 1993
The World of snow and ice. 1994
Selected works in 6 volumes. 2000-2004