

The greatest interest among the Russian participants was the report of a prominent scientist from the USA, Prof. David Lewis, "From structural theory to stereochemistry: the critical role of the Kazan Chemists", in which he analyzed the contribution of the Kazan chemists in the development of organic chemistry in Russia and their leading role in the development of the structural theory of organic chemistry. It is noteworthy that the conference organizers have collected all the articles on the history of D. Lewis about the Kazan Chemical School in a single collection, translated into Russian and published prior to the conference in the form of a book in English and Russian languages. Lewis showed that Butlerov and his disciples, in particular Markovnikov, had a much deeper understanding than Kekulé and Couper of the role of structure in the further development of the theory of organic chemistry.