

# Preface

The organic chemists of Russia during the pre-revolutionary period counted among their number some of the most creative and talented chemists of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, as is attested by the number of reactions and empirical rules bearing their names. From quite modest beginnings, higher education in Russia gradually grew into the point where Russian universities and the organic chemists in them could produce work to rival any done in France, Germany, Britain, or America. In this Brief, the history of the development of organic chemistry in Russia is discussed, with special emphasis on the Russian organic chemists who made important contributions to the science.

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