

Dmitri D. Vasiliev was born in Moscow in 1946. In 1971 graduated from Moscow State University with a diploma in the field of History and Philology of Turk peoples. From 1973 to 1995 headed an expedition group of researchers in the Turk areas of South Siberia. He discovered some Old Turkic Inscriptions, archeological and architecture complexes. Dmitri D. Vasiliev is the author of four scientific monographies and more than 100 articles in the field of Turkology. He is the representative of Russia in the International UNESCO Institute of Central Asia Studies in Samarkand and member of Academic Council of International UNESCO Institute of Nomadic Civilization Studies in Ulan-Bator.



In 1983 was examined on PhD thesis in the field of Paleography of Old-Turkic inscriptions.

In 1988 was awarded to International reward of Istanbul University “For highest services in the field of Turkology”.

In 1989-90 took part in organization of ethno-archeological expositions on history of nomadic civilizations of Eurasia, and in 1995-96 was the director of this exposition, exhibited in USA and Europe.

In 1989 was elected to correspondent members, in 2000 was elected to Honorary Member of Atatürk Scientific Society (in Turkey).

From 1995 - member of the Secrétariat de l’Union Internationale des Etudes Orientales et Asiatiques.

From 1995 - Professor of Russian State University of Humanities

In 1996 due to results of field researches Dmitri D. Vasiliev was awarded by UNESCO premium «Hiroyama-Silk road»

In 1997 was awarded by Government Medal for 850 Anniversary of Moscow.

In 1999 was awarded with medal of Hubilai-han by Mongolian Academy of Sciences for researches on writing culture of nomads.

In 2000 was awarded by medal of Eurasian State University of L.N. Gumilev in Astana for publishing of «Корпус памятников древнетюркской письменности»

In 2000 became correspondent member of RANS (Russian Academy of Natural Sciences) and was honored with title «Knight of Art and Science» and Medal of St. George from RANS.

In 2004 was awarded by rank «Honored Professor of Kazakh-Turkish University of Hoca Ahmed Yasevi» in Turkestan, Kazakhstan.

In 2005 was awarded by Government Medal for 1000 Anniversary of Kazan.

In 2006 was awarded by Great Bronze Medal of Emperor’s Orthodox Palestine Society.

In 2006 was awarded by Silver Medal of International Academy of Natural and Social Studies “For Services in Developing Science in Russia”.

Dmitri D. Vasiliev is the author of five books and more than 150 scientific publications in the field of Turkology. Some of this publications were printed in Hungary, Turkey, Mongolia, USA, Germany, Finland, Japan, Iran, Jordan, Greece, China.

Dmitri D. Vasiliev is member of coordination Council of UNESCO's international project «Kervan-serai», one of the authors of UNESCO project «History of Central Asia», coordinator of Russian part of Russian Academy of Sciences' and Hungarian Academy of Sciences' joint project «Siberia», responsible secretary of joint Russian – Turkish commission of historians.

Dmitri D. Vasiliev many times took part in international orientalist conferences in Turkey, Hungary, USA, Canada, France, Poland, Netherlands, Germany, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Norway, Greece, Cyprus, Macedonia, Mongolia, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Jordan, Iran, and Montenegro.

He is a member of Redaction Councils of periodic journals «Восток», «Восточный Архив», «Эпиграфика Востока», «Бюллетень ОВ РАН», «Базы данных по истории Евразии в средние века», multivolume collective monographies «History of the Orient» (6 volumes), «History of Tatars»(7 volumes), «Turks» (Turkey, 20 volumes, published in 2002 г.).

He leads candidates; five of them successfully became their doctor degrees.

Nowadays Dmitri D. Vasiliev is Head of the Oriental History Department, Institute of Oriental Studies of RAS, and Vice-President of Orientalists' Society of RAS. Dmitri D. Vasiliev is the Director of Russian-Turkish educational and scientific centre of Russian State University of Humanities and Executive President of International Congress of Orientalists in Moscow 2004 (ICANAS - 37).