

A GENEROUS DONATION: B. YATSKEVICH'S COLLECTION AT THE CHERNYSHEV CENTRAL GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH MUSEUM

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1. Boris Alexandrovich Yatskevich
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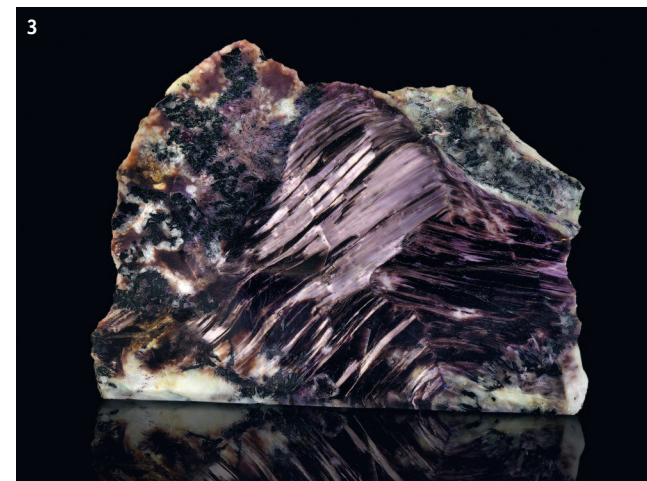
The Chernyshev Central Scientific Museum at the Karpinsky Russian Geological Research Institute of Geology (VSEGEI) in St. Petersburg celebrates a remarkable event: the museum has received the mineral collection of Boris Alexandrovich Yatskevich, a renown Russian geologist and former minister of natural resources (1999–2001) of the Russian Federation. It was granted to the museum by the widow of this collector, who passed away in 2020. It is widely known how difficult it is nowadays to compile and replenish museum collections. The prices of good collection-quality mineral specimens is often so high that almost no museum (with only rare exceptions) can usually afford to purchase them. Even a single good specimen appearing in a museum collection provokes joyful excitement of the museum's staff, mineralogists and mineral collectors.

It is needless to describe the reaction triggered by that the museum receiving as many as 124 (!) splendid specimens of the Boris A. Yatskevich's collection.

As with any personal collection, this one is strongly imprinted by the personality of the collector himself, his tastes and his scientific and aesthetic preferences. A representative of the Russian classic geological school, Boris was a fine connoisseur of collection-



2. **Axinite**. 20 x 16 cm. Bor quarry,
Dalnegorsk, Primorye, Russian Far East.



3. **Charoite** (polished section). 10 x 8 cm.
Murun massif, East Siberia, Russia.



4. **Calcite** (glendonite aka "Belomorian
spikes", pseudomorph after ikaite). 11 x 9 cm.
Olenitsa, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

5. **Copper**. 8 x 16 cm. Rubtsovskoe deposit,
southwestern Altay Mountains, Russia.

6. **Kyanite** and **corundum**. 18 x 13 cm.
Khitaostrov, northern Karelia, Russia.

7. **Calcite**. 58 x 42 cm.
Dalnegorsk, Primorye, Russian Far East.

