



15. Evgeniy G. Sidorov, Prague, 2013.

## Evgeniy Sidorov is our legend

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I met Evgeniy Sidorov in 1987, when he was only 32 years old. He came to Novosibirsk on the eve of his Candidate of Science thesis presentation on Alpine-type ultramafic rocks of eastern Kamchatka. At that time, Evgeniy knew many scientists studying ultramafic objects from our institute and communicated with them. These were AP Krivenko, FP Lesnov, VV Velinskiy, LV Agafonov and others. After successful presentation of his thesis, he subsequently visited Novosibirsk repeatedly. He also travelled to Tomsk, Moscow, and St. Petersburg. He always believed that it is not enough to "stew in your own juice" and needed to test the projects and implement the plans, discussing them with various scientists of our country. When it became possible, he began to do so with the scientists around the world.

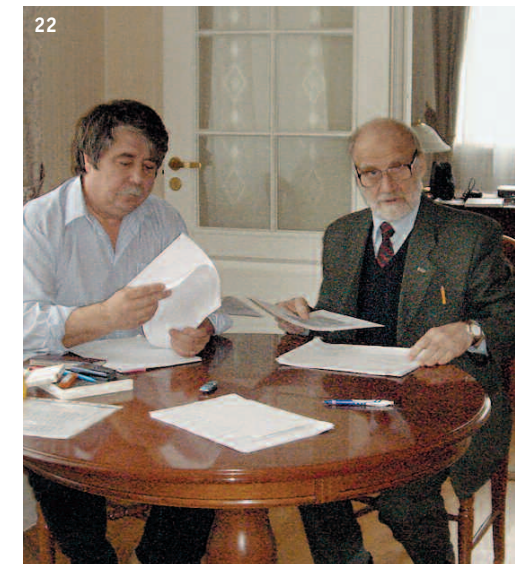
Working on the *Platinum* Project under the guidance of Academician Shilo, he also turned out to be interested in my research on platinum placers of Siberia and once invited me to Kamchatka. I fell in love with it at first sight. He introduced me to the deposits of the Kamchatka-Koryak platinum belt.

From that moment, our long-term friendship and joint research began. It led to the publication of dozens of articles in Russia and internationally, including a monograph on Galmoenan, one of the largest platinum-bearing massifs in Kamchatka. Our other focus was on alluvial deposits of Kamchatka associated with zonal massifs of Seinav, Mount Filipa, Itchavayam, Prizhimnyi, Pustaya River, as well as pan concentrate halos near ophiolitic ultramafic rocks (Khatyrka and Olkhovaya Rivers). These studies later resulted in both of our doctoral dissertations. It is impossible not to mention our colleagues and the main co-authors of our achievements, including AP Krivenko, MYu Podlipsky, AP Kozlov, and VM Chubarov. Significant stimulus to scientific advancement for Evgeniy Sidorov was informal creative communication with EG Konnikov, BA Markovsky, LI Gurskaya,

16. Back to Kamchatka, 2011.

17. Evgeniy G. Sidorov and Nadezhda D. Tolstykh during a business trip to the Czech Republic, 2013.

18. Evgeniy Sidorov near the Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, 2011.



19. Evgeniy Sidorov with Anna Vymazalová during a visit to the Czech Geological Survey, Prague, 2013.

20. Evgeniy in the TsNIGR-museum (VSEGEI, St. Petersburg) with L.I. Gurskaya and L.R. Kolbantsev, 2008.

21. Evgeniy with his colleagues from the Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, Far East Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, left to right: L.P. Anikin, E.G. Sidorov, L.S. Simonova, S. Gorshkov, A.A. Ovsyannikov, 2011.

22. Discussion of the manuscript of the monograph: E.G. Sidorov and B.A. Markovsky, 2011.

A Vymazalová, and many others. But the most faithful friend for Evgeniy was his life companion Galina A. Shmakova

Evgeniy loved our country and was a patriot of Kamchatka. He wanted so much that his beloved Kamchatka, so rich in the gifts of nature, and undeservedly far from all the federal benefits, would prosper! For this, he tried his best to attract talented people, inviting more and more young people every year, generously sharing his discoveries and ideas with them in the hope that at least someone would stay and revive this land. Many geologists from Moscow, Tomsk, Novosibirsk, St. Petersburg and other cities know *Sidorovka*, Evgeniy's bachelor's apartment at 2 Piyp Boulevard, a shelter of wanderers. Many stayed here during the transfers of the field seasons, leaving their gratitude in the visitor's book to this insanely wonderful man with an open heart!

He was very diverse. He was demanding to the students who arrived for the field work, but at the same time, he was caring and generous.

For us, his friends, Evgeniy Sidorov was a legend even during his lifetime!