

Valeri Silogava

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Doctor of Philosophy in History, Professor

Professor Silogava left Poti Secondary School for Boys in 1963. In 1969, he graduated from Tbilisi State University, Faculty of History. Even in his student years, he manifested great interest in scientific research.

In 1969-1972, Dr. Silogava was a graduate student at K. Kekelidze Institute of Manuscripts; in 1970 he was employed at the National Institute of Manuscripts. His research sphere included Epigraphic, Paleography and Diplomatics.

From 1990, Prof. Silogava was a chief science officer at the Georgia National Museum and the head of the chair of History of Georgia at Tbilisi State University Akhaltsike branch and the head of the Department of the Archive Funds. In 2006, he was elected as an associate-professor of the Faculty of Humanities at Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; simultaneously he was a full professor of Akhaltsikhe Educational University, professor of Akhalkalaki

Educational Institution and a professor at Saint Andrew the First-Called Georgian University of the Patriarchate of Georgia. He delivered courses in History of Georgia, History of Georgian Church, Source Study, Paleography and Historiography.

Professor Valeri Silogava is the author of more than 300 scientific papers, almost 20 of which are monographs. Dr. Silogava was a participant of numerous local and international symposiums on the ancient manuscripts. His works are published in a number of well-known Russian, French, German, English and Turkish publications. His chief scientific interest was studying Georgian sources, epigraphic monuments, Georgian diplomatics, deeds and credentials and ancient Georgian historical texts. The scholar has left a rich and diverse legacy which he had been collecting, describing and putting into scientific circulation for many years, by which he laid the foundation of historical and source research. Significant is his contribution to the publication of the corps of the Georgian inscriptions, Georgian historical documents and Iviron's acts. Prof. Silogava played an important role in studying Georgian lapidary inscriptions, ancient inscriptions of Betanya and Bolnisi Monasteries, Korideti documents, history of church, of individual eparchies and clergy, Georgian Four Gospels, etc. His enormous contribution to studying antiquities of Turkish Georgia and other Georgian monasteries located abroad deserves a special mention.

Prof. Silogava is a co-author of an educational course in History of Georgia for students of higher educational institutions. He was a scientific advisor of numerous Master's degree these and many dissertations and the guide of many scientists and scholars into the science of History.

Professor Valeri Silogava, with his rich scientific heritage, intellect, professionalism, personal qualities and well-earned recognition has left an indelible mark on our history.