

IN MEMORY OF D. V. SOCHIVKO

Life Path and Activity of a Penitentiary Psychologist, Doctor of Sciences (Psychology), Professor, Colonel of the Internal Service Dmitrii V. Sochivko*

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A person remains alive in the hearts of his/her loved ones, students, books written and deeds done ... The memory of scientific discoveries, research and scientific works of Dmitrii V. Sochivko, professor at the Department of General Psychology of the Academy of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia, Doctor of Sciences (Psychology), Professor, will live, as long as the science of psychology is alive. The role of this scientist and his scientific contribution are truly immeasurable, his intellectual and personal qualities are remembered by everyone who communicated with him.

D.V. Sochivko was born on August 15, 1959 in Leningrad. He graduated from the Psychology Department of the Leningrad State University named after A.A. Zhdanov. In 1984, under the guidance of V.A. Yakunin, he defended his candidate dissertation on the topic "Research of individual styles of cognitive activity" (specialty 19.00.07 – pedagogical, age and child psychology) at the same university. This was the first step in his activity as a teacher, he devoted 14 years of his creative life to his native university.

In 2003, he defended his dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Sciences (Psychology) on the topic "Psychodynamics of personality in extreme conditions of life" (specialty 19.00.06 – legal psychology) at the Academy of Management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia. The dissertation was based on the generalized experience gained during the years of service in the penal system, filling the position of senior psychologist in the high-security correctional facility in the Pskov Oblast.

Dmitrii Sochivko showed his talent as a scientific practitioner who tested his theories in practice. His intense scientific activity resulted in numerous publications, such as monographs, textbooks, articles; his students wrote and successfully defended 11 candidate and doctoral dissertations.

The name of D.V. Sochivko is known to everyone who has ever shown interest in psychological science, his theories and developments are widely used for new research. He communicated

* D. V. Sochivko was a member of the Editorial Board of the journal «Penitentiary Science» (up to August 2019 «Institute Bulletin: Crime, Punishment, Correction») from January 2018 to October 2021.

and creatively interacted with the most famous scientists in the field of psychology and pedagogy, in particular, L.M. Vekker, V.A. Hansen, M.G. Debolskii, V.N. Loskutov, A.V. Pishchelko, G.V. Sukhodolskii, V.A. Yakunin and others.

Dmitrii Sochivko had the honor of creating a new direction in psychological science and founding a scientific psychological school of the theory of modern psychodynamics of personality. His interests extended to scientific areas, such as social, legal, penitentiary and clinical psychology, Orthodox psychotherapy, etc.

D.V. Sochivko worked at the Academy of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia for more than 20 years and was awarded medals of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia "For Distinguished Service" of degrees 1, 2, and 3 for his truly titanic scientific and teaching activities.

Thanks to his initiative, a public research laboratory "Criminal Destructiveness of Personality" was created at the Academy of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia and the scientific journal "Applied Legal Psychology" was opened, which is included in the list of peer-reviewed publications of the Higher Attestation Commission under the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia, the annual methodological seminar "Topical problems of modern penitentiary and legal psychology" was organized at the Institute of Psychology of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Dmitrii Sochivko organized a scientific and practical conference at the Academy of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia and a scientific and practical seminar at the Institute of Psychology of the Russian Academy of Sciences "Where childhood goes: problems of suicidal behavior among young people". He offered Candidate of Sciences (Law) Dmitrii Plotkin to make a report on the most relevant topic on children's suicides influenced by the Internet. This problem drew attention of the country's leadership, and the Russian President Vladimir Putin instructed the Government to address it.

In 2021, D.V. Sochivko became the winner of the All-Russian best scientific book contest, having presented the monograph "Existential psychodynamics" (Moscow; Ryazan: Vysshaya shkola psikhologii; Akademiya FSIN Rossii, 2020. 224 p.).

The scholar's attitude to religion is worth noting. This deep feeling always accompanied him and was carefully nurtured at any stage of his life, regardless of external circumstances.

Dmitrii Sochivko left a bright memory of himself. He dedicated his life to high ideals of science and serving public interest; his attention and empathy for people deserves respect. D.V. Sochivko's ideas live on in activities of his students and followers. The theory of modern psychodynamics of personality, his main scientific discovery, embodying his extensive knowledge, creative energy and spiritual power, is of great interest and is still developing nowadays.