

CONFERENCE REVIEWS

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REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL CONFERENCE IN MEMORY OF A.A. RYABOV "IMPORTANT ISSUES OF PROTECTION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS OVER NATURAL RESOURCES: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH" (26-27 OCTOBER, 2018, KAZAN)

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Abstract: The review presents the results of the International Scientific and Practical Conference in memory of A.A. Ryabov, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Honored Lawyer of the Republic of Tatarstan, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan "Important Issues of Protection of Property Rights on Natural Resources: Interdisciplinary Approach". There are listed the main writings, achievements and results of scientific and pedagogical activities of the outstanding environmental lawyer who is famous both in Russia and abroad. The outlined chronology of the International Scientific and Practical Conference includes the ceremony of unveiling the commemorative plaque in honor of A.A. Ryabov. The Conference was international, interdisciplinary and proved to have the practical focus. The statistics shows the number of actual participants, that reveals the scale of the conference. The participants of the conference arrived at

the following conclusions: 1. Efficient protection of the property rights over natural resources requires joint collaboration of law and other disciplines alongside with the judicial practice. 2. One of the key elements of the property rights over natural resources is the subject of law, which owns the natural resources. Most natural resources must remain in public ownership. It would provide reliability in natural resource management, since natural resources are national heritage. 3. Infringement of property rights over natural resources leads to environmental problems, the consequences of which have supranational significance. 4. Rational environmental management is a positive element of the protection of property rights over natural resources. Effective natural resources management provides the best environment protection. 5. It is essential to harmonize the legislation of different countries in the sphere of protection and management of cross-boundary natural systems and natural sites, as well as prevention and elimination of cross-boundary pollution. The influence of the conference is significant not only for the Law Faculty, but for Kazan Federal University as a whole. The conference provided an opportunity to widen the scientific relations between the participants and the representatives of scientific community from Switzerland, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Belarus and different subjects of the Russian Federation that are involved in interdisciplinary issues of protection of property rights over natural resources. The event has strengthened collaboration with public authorities and judicial authorities, law enforcement bodies of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tatarstan, public and private organizations.

Key words: A.A. Ryabov, ecological law, property rights, natural resources, natural objects, legal liability, rational environmental management

The International Scientific and Practical Conference in memory of **A.A. Ryabov (1935-2017)**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Honored Lawyer of the Republic of Tatarstan, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan ***“Important Issues of Protection of Property Rights over Natural Resources: Interdisciplinary Approach”*** (hereafter, the Conference) took place in Kazan (Volga region) Federal University (hereafter, KFU) on 26 October 2018.

The Conference is ought to commemorate the honor of our professor and colleague, whose achievements are widely known both in Russia and abroad. Alexander Andreevich Ryabov was an outstanding scholar and author of books on environmental and land law. His research mainly focused on property rights over natural resources, environmental management, protection of rights of the government and nature users. His scientific interests covered ecological, legal and economic aspects of property, protection of water and biological resources, environmental protection, ecological future of our country and other interdisciplinary topics.

A.A. Ryabov received his Doctorate from Lomonosov Moscow State University in 1984. His thesis “Protection of Governmental Property Rights over Natural Resources

in the USSR” was one of the first interdisciplinary ones covering both civil and environmental law. Over the period between 1982 and 1992 he worked as Head of the Department of Civil Law and Litigation, while between 1987 and 1992 he successfully reconciled this job with the position of Dean of the Law Faculty at Kazan Federal University. He taught Environmental Law and was a member of the Examining Council at Kazan Federal University.

A.A. Ryabov is a co-author of the Commentary on the Republic of Tatarstan Law “Waste Products Resulting from Production and Consumption”. He developed a training manual on environmental law, published five monographs, including “Provision and Withdrawal of Land under Soviet Law” (1972), “Liability for Violation of Legislation on Land Use” (1981), “Protection of State Ownership over Natural Resources in the USSR” (1982), as well as over seventy pieces of scientific writing. He co-authored the course book „Natural Resource Law and Legal Protection of the Environment“ (1988), which was well known in the USSR and abroad. A.A. Ryabov actively participated in the preparation of Tatar Encyclopedic Dictionary for publication and in the work of the Constitutional Commission preparing the draft of Constitution of the Republic of Tatarstan.

Taking into consideration the enormous contribution of A.A. Rjabov to the development of not only environmental law, but of the Law Faculty of Kazan University as a whole, it was decided to unveil a commemorative plaque in honor of **Alexander Andreevich Ryabov** on October 26, 2018 within the framework of the Conference. At the opening ceremony there were present **Riiaz Gataullovich Minzaripov**, First Vice-Rector of KFU, Doctor of Sociology, Professor, Head of the Department of Sociology; **Asgat Ahmetovich Safarov**, Head of the Office of the President in the Republic of Tatarstan, graduated from the Law Faculty of KFU; **Andrei Aleksandrovich Ryabov**, son of Alexander Andreevich Rjabov, graduated from the Law Faculty of Kazan Federal University, Advisor of the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tatarstan, Colonel of the Police; **Liliia Talgatovna Bakulina**, Dean of the Law Faculty of Kazan Federal University, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor; **Ildar Abdulhakovich Tarhanov**, Scientific Director of the Law Faculty of Kazan Federal University, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Honored Lawyer of the Russian Federation; **Zavdat Faizrakhmanovich Safin**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Head of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process of the Law Faculty of Kazan Federal University, Honored Lawyer of the Republic of Tatarstan. The opening ceremony was also attended by many other participants of the Conference, among whom were the leading lawyers from Moscow, St. Petersburg, Sevastopol, Volgograd, Izhevsk, Yoshkar-Ola, Kemerovo, Saransk, Saratov, Ufa, Cheboksary, as well as employees, graduate students and students of the Law Faculty of KFU. The commemorative plaque was erected near the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process, where A.A. Rjabov worked in his last days (lecture hall 240 of KFU Mail Building) [1].

The official part of the Conference was held in Board of Trustees Hall of KFU. **Zavdat Faizrakhmanovich Safin**, Head of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and

Civil Process of the Law Faculty of KFU, and **Gennadii Aleksandrovich Volkov**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Environmental and Land Law of the Law Faculty of Lomonosov Moscow State University, moderated the Conference.

The Conference started with the welcome address from **Liliia Talgatovna Bakulina**, the Dean of the Faculty of Law of KFU; **Ildar Abdulhakovich Tarhanov**, Scientific Director of the Law Faculty of KFU; **Larisa Iurevna Gluhova**, Head of the State Legal Department of the President in the Republic of Tatarstan, Honored Lawyer of the Republic of Tatarstan; **Zavdat Faizrahmanovich Safin**, Head of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process of the Law Faculty of KFU; **Gennadii Aleksandrovich Volkov**, Professor of the Department of Environmental and Land Law of the Law Faculty of Lomonosov Moscow State University.

The participants of the Conference were shown a short movie about the life and scientific research of Alexander Andreevich Rjabov. The film was followed by the following presentations: “*Creative Heritage of Professor A.A. Rjabov in Protection of the State Ownership of Natural Resources and Legal Liability for Land Violations*” (by **Elmira Faatovna Nigmatullina**, Candidate of Legal Studies, Associate Professor of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process of the Law Faculty of KFU) and “*Relationship Between the Concepts of “Defense” and “Protection” in Law According to the Scientific Works of Professor A.A. Rjabov*” (by **Roza Iosifovna Sitdikova**, Doctor of Legal Studies, Professor of the Department of Entrepreneurial and Energy Law of the Law Faculty of KFU).

Many presentations were devoted to the scientific contribution of A.A. Ryabov to the development of environmental and land law, including in the field of protection of property rights over natural resources. In addition, papers on various aspects of environmental protection and the rights over natural resources in modern society were given at the Conference. Among them were “*Legal Support of the Rights of the peoples of Russia over their Natural Resources*” by **Sergei Aleksandrovich Bogoliubov**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Head of the Department of Environmental Legislation at the Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law under the Government of the Russian Federation, Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation; “*Permitted Use of Land as the Element of Property Right*” by **Gennadii Aleksandrovich Volkov**, Professor of the Department of Environmental and Land Law of the Law Faculty of Lomonosov Moscow State University; “*Private Ownership of Natural Resources and Public Interests: Issues of Balance*” by **Valentina Vladimirovna Ustiukova**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Chief Research Officer, Acting Head of the of Environmental, Land and Agrarian Law Branch at the Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences; “*Cross-sectoral Regulation of Natural Resource Legal Relations*” by **Irina Olegovna Krasnova**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Head of the Department of Land and Environmental Law at the Russian State University of Justice; “*Modern Urbanization and issues of Protection of Land Ownership*» by **Zavdat Faizrahmanovich Safin**, Head of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process of the Law Faculty of KFU;

“Priority of Public Interests on Specially Protected Natural Areas as Objects of National Heritage: Personal Experience of Judicial Protection” by **Tamara Vladimirovna Zlotnikova**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Head of the Department of Land Law and Real Estate Registration at Humanities Faculty of Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography, Honored Ecologist of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Presidium of the National Environmental Audit Chamber, Academician of the Russian University of Economics; *“Property Rights over Natural Resources and Designing the Legal Regimes of Environmental Management”* by **Vladislav Vasilevich Nikishin**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Legal Environmental Protection at St. Petersburg State University; *“Legal Public Function of Land Ownership in the Russian Federation”* by **Mariya Ivanovna Vasilyeva**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Land Law and Real Estate Registration at the Humanities Faculty of Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography; *“Environmental Law and Property Rights over Natural Resources”* by **Ravil Hasanovich Gizdatullin**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Financial and Environmental Law at the Institute of Law of Bashkir State University; *“Role and Place of Ownership of Natural Resources in a Society of Sustainable Development”* by **Fanis Mansurovich Raianov**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Chief Research Officer of the Department of Theory of State and Law in the Institute of Law of the Bashkir State University, *“Issues of Legal Regulation of Land Management at the Present Stage of Legislation Development”* by **Galina Anatolyevna Misnik**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Land and Environmental Law at the Russian State University of Justice; *“Legal Land Management at the Current Stage of Development of Law”* by **Stanislav Andzheevich Lipski**, Doctor of Economics, Head of the Department of Land Law at the State University of Land Management; *“Monitoring of the Subsoil Condition in the System of Functions of the State – Subsoil Owner”* by **Roza Nailiyevna Salieva**, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Head of the Laboratory at the Institute of Ecology and Subsoil Use at the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan, Professor of the Department of Entrepreneurial and Energy Law at the Law Faculty of KFU; *“Approaches to Determining the Legal Regime of Forests on the Agricultural Lands”* by **Nikolai Valeryevich Kichigin**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Leading Researcher at the Department of Environmental and Agrarian Legislation of the Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law under the Government of the Russian Federation; *“State Ownership of Land: Theoretical and Practical Issues”* by **Olga Aleksandrovna Romanova**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Deputy Head of the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Law at Kutafin Moscow State Law University; *“The Value of the Forensic Environmental Expertise in the Settlement of Environmental Damage Disputes”* by **Alena Vladimirovna Kolodova**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Senior Researcher at St. Petersburg Research Center for Environmental Safety of the Russian Academy of Sciences; *“The Influence of Spatial Planning and Urban Zoning on the Land Property Rights”* by **Natalya Leonidovna Lisina**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Labor,

Environmental Law and Civil Process of the Law Institute at Kemerovo State University; *“Effectiveness of Guarantees on Land Ownership”* by **Elena Yuryevna Chmykhalo**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Professor of the Department of Land and Environmental Law at Saratov State Law Academy; *“Restrictions of the Land Owners’ Rights in Land Reservation”* by **Anna Alekseevna Vorontsova**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Environmental and Land Law at the Faculty of Law of Lomonosov Moscow State University; *“Land Ownership Legislation in the Republic of Crimea and in the City of Federal Importance of Sevastopol”* by **Aleksey Anatolyevich Kozodubov**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of Law Department at Sevastopol Institute of Economics and Humanities (Branch) of Vernadsky Crimean Federal University; *“Forest Management: Conflict of Public and Private Interests”* by **Tatyana Vladimirovna Rednikova**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Research Officer of the Section of Environmental, Land and Agricultural Law at the Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences; *“Land Withdrawal as the Basis for the Termination of Land Rights»* by **Nadezhda Mihailovna Zaslavskaya**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Environmental and Land Law at the Faculty of Law of Lomonosov Moscow State University; *“Specific Features of Protection of Land Property Rights: Law Enforcement Aspects»* by **Oksana Igorevna Sharno**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Constitutional and Municipal Law at Volgograd State University, Lawyer of Volgograd Regional Bar Association; *“Features of Legal Regulation of the Subsoil Plots Allocated for Usage”* by **Nail Salimovich Mustakimov**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Private Law in Russia and Foreign Countries at Mari State University; *“Preferential Rights of the Former Tenant over Contract Conclusion for Forest Plot Lease”* by **Anatoliy Leonidovich Bazhaikin**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Law at the Institute of Law, Social Management and Security of Udmurt State University; *“Compensation for Land Ownership Restriction in the Establishment of Zones with Special Conditions of Land Use»* by **Olesia Aleksandrovna Zolotova**, Candidate of Law, Associate Professor of the Department of Business, Commercial and Labor Law of the Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration of the President of the Russian Federation; *“Criminal Law Issues of the Protection of Natural Resources Ownership»* by **Natalya Yuryevna Prikhodko**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Law at Russian State Agrarian University – Moscow Timiryazev Agricultural Academy; *“Property Rights of Municipal Land Ownership”* by **Zarina Kamilevna Kondratenko**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Acting Head of the Department of Civil Law and Process of Mari State University; *“On Land Ownership Protection: the Balance between Private and Public Interests”* by **Irina Nikolaevna Zhochkina**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Law and Process of Ogarev Mordovia State University, Head of Legal, Personnel and Information-Analytical Support Department of the Office of Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resource Usage in the Republic

of Mordovia; *“Ecological and Legal Issues of Waste Disposal Enterprises in Large Cities”* by **Mikhail Vyacheslavovich Ponomarev**, Research Officer of the Department of Environmental and Agrarian Legislation at the Institute of Law and Comparative Law under the Government of the Russian Federation; *“‘Industrial Province’ – Owner, Population and Environment (Kuznetsk Coal Basin)”* by **Timur Borisovich Nevzorov**, Candidate of Pedagogical Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Labor, Environmental Law and Civil Process at the Law Institute of Kemerovo State University; *“Topical Issues of Regional Natural Resource and Land Legislation (the Example of Chuvash Republic)”* by **Nadezhda Vladimirovna Aleksandrova**, Candidate of Legal Studies, Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Law Disciplines at Ulyanov Chuvash State University and **Nadezhda Vladislavovna Semenova**, Candidate of Biological Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Disciplines at Ulyanov Chuvash State University; *“Specific Features of Protection of Owner’s Rights in Establishing and Collecting the Land Tax”* by **Evgeniy Vladimirovich Maryin**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Land Law and Real Estate Registration at the Humanities Faculty of Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography; *“New Mechanism of Modern Land Policy: Gratuitous Provision of Far Eastern Land Plots”* by **Tatyana Yuryevna Mashkova**, Deputy Dean of the Humanities Faculty, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Land Law and Real Estate Registration of Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography; *“Grounds for Acquisition and Termination of the Municipal Property Rights for Land Plots”* by **Ilya Borisovich Kondratenko**, Candidate of Pedagogical Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Theory and Methods of Professional Education at Mari State University.

Among the announced international participants of the conference, the ones who were able to come were the leading specialist of the Communication and Education Directorate of the Border Guard Corps of the Swiss Confederation, Master of history and Slavic studies **Rut Valterovna Vidmer** who gave a paper *“Problems of understanding the text of the normative act using the example of the protection of ownership over natural resources (linguistic aspect)”* and Acting Associate Professor of the Department of Civil, Labor and Environmental Law of Kyrgyz National University named after Jusup Balasagyn **Azamat Anvarbekovich Kadyrov** who presented a paper *“Modern situation and modernization of rights of ownership over water bodies in Kyrgyzstan”*.

The participation of **Azamat Anvarbekovich Kadyrov** in the conference is a consequence of the close friendship between his father **Anvarbek Kadyrovich Kadyrov** (1949-1996), Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Civil Law and Procedure of the Law Faculty of Kyrgyz State National University, and Alexander Andreevich Ryabov. Professor Ryabov was the first official opponent at Anvarbek Kadyrov’s viva that took place in 1988 at Lomonosov Moscow State University. The topic of Anvarbek Kadyrov’s doctoral thesis was *“Legal protection of the environment in Kyzgzyz SSR”* (scientific speciality 12.00.06 – kolhoz, land, water, forest and mountain law; legal protection of environment).

In addition to legal scholars, the conference was attended by Doctor of Biological Sciences, Professor, Head of the Department of Environmental Engineering and Water Management at the Institute of Management, Economics and Finance of Kazan Federal University **Nafisa Mansurovna Mingazova**, together with her graduate students. Their papers showed the interdisciplinary interaction between environmental law and a number of the natural science disciplines.

The practical and scientific unit was represented by the following papers: *“Correlation of types of legal proceedings when resolving land disputes”* by **Azat Khamzovich Khisamov**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Chairman of the Cassation Panel of the Judicial Division for Civil Cases of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan; *“Protection of rights in the field of land management: interdisciplinary approach”* by **Volkova Tatyana Vladimirovna**, Candidate of Law, Associate Professor of the Department of Land and Environmental Law of Saratov State Law Academy, Federal Judge of the Twelfth Arbitration Court of Appeal, member of the Advisory Board of the Chamber of Commerce of Saratov region, Honorary Expert of Kyrgyz National University named after Z.Balysagyn ; *“Protection of the state ownership of subsoil”* by **Ilsur Irekovich Gilmutdinov**, Tatarstan Environmental Interdistrict Prosecutor, Senior Counsellor of Justice; *“Execution of environmental legislation during the use of municipal and state-owned plots”* by **Nazim Nikolayevich Psardia**, Deputy Kazan Interdistrict Environmental Prosecutor, First Class Lawyer; *“Limits to exercising the land ownership rights”* by **Timur Irekovich Abdreev**, Candidate of Law, Assistant Prosecutor of the Moscow district of Kazan, Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Procedure of the Academy of Social Education Head of the Department of Hydrogeology and Water Management of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Tatarstan **Tatyana Leonidovna Vasilyeva**.

The Law Faculty of KFU was also represented by the heads of departments, associate professors and other teachers. The most “inter-disciplinary” issues were covered in the papers *“Constitutional basis for the protection of ownership of environmental resources”* by **Yevgeny Batyrovich Sultanov**, Candidate of Legal sciences, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law at the Law Faculty of KFU, Honored Lawyer of the Republic of Tatarstan, and *“Issues of protection of the right for natural resources and natural objects: the business and legal aspects”* by **Andrei Valerievich Mikhaylov**, Candidate of Legal sciences, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Business and Energy Law of the Law Faculty of KFU. No less significant and interdisciplinary were the following papers: *“The right of private ownership for the land plots and its limitations”* by **Zamira Asrarovna Akhmetyanova**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of Civil Law at the Law Faculty of KFU; *“Features of taxation of natural resources in Russia”* by **Leysan Minnurovna Fayzrakhmanova**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law at the Law Faculty of KFU; *“The system of legal means of protecting the ownership for natural resources”* by **Artur Zufarovich Zinnatullin**, Candidate of

Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process at the Law Faculty of KFU; “*Civil law remedies for protection of the possessory title and other property rights for natural objects and resources*” by **Sergey Marselevich Sagitov**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process at the Law Faculty of KFU; “*Legal support for the environmental management by owners of natural resources*” by **Elena Viktorovna Luneva**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process at the Law Faculty of KFU; “*Criminal law provision for rational use of aquatic biological resources*” by **Stanislav Igorevich Golubev**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of Criminal Law at the Law Faculty of KFU; “*Normative-legal framework of labor protection in the field of the environmental safety*” by **Maxim Vladimirovich Vasilyev**, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process at the Law Faculty of KFU, “*Agrarian state policy in the field of entrepreneurship: environmental and legal aspect with regional specifics*” by **Gayaz Gabdelislamovich Fayzullin** (co-author), Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor at the Department of Humanities and Islamic Economics and Management of the Russian Islamic Institute; “*Features of the legal framework for the land plots in special economic zones*” by **Liliya Azatovna Sungatullina**, Candidate of Legal sciences, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Business and Energy Law at the Law Faculty of KFU, and other presentations.

In total, over 90 people took part in the Conference. Due to a great number of speakers, only 40 of the most eminent scholars were able to give a paper. The other participants took part in the discussion of the topics announced by the speakers. At present, a collection of conference materials is being actively prepared.

The vast scale of the Conference is evidenced by statistics on the actual participants: **21 doctors of sciences**, including 17 doctors of legal sciences, doctor of economic sciences, doctor of biological sciences, doctor of sociological sciences and doctor of pedagogical sciences; **45 candidates of sciences**, including 43 candidates of legal sciences and 2 candidates of pedagogical sciences; **7 participants with honorary titles**, including: Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation, Honored Lawyer of the Russian Federation, Honored Ecologist of the Russian Federation and 4 Honored Lawyers of the Republic of Tatarstan.

The representatives of 29 scientific and educational institutions of Russia and other countries took part in the Conference, including the Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow, Russia – 2 persons), Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law under the Government of the Russian Federation (Moscow, Russia – 3 persons); Kyrgyz National University named after Zhusup Balasagyn (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan – 1 person); Lomonosov Moscow State University (Moscow, Russia – 3 persons.); Kutafin Moscow State University of Law (Moscow, Russia 1 – person); Russian State University of Justice (Moscow, Russia – 2 persons), St. Petersburg State University (St. Petersburg, Russia – 3 persons) and others.

The Conference was attended by representatives of 15 state authorities, social-state and private organizations, including: the Communication and Education Directorate of the Border Guard Corps of the Swiss Confederation (Bern, Swiss Confederation), the State Legal Directorate of the President of the Republic of Tatarstan (Kazan, Russia), Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan (Kazan, Russia), Twelfth Arbitration Court of Appeal (Saratov, Russia), Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tatarstan (Kazan, Russia), Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Tatarstan (Kazan, Russia), Federal Service for Supervision of the Natural Resource Usage in the Republic of Mordovia (Saransk, Russia), Tatar Environmental Interdistrict Prosecutor's Office (Kazan, Russia), Kazan Environmental Interdistrict Prosecutor's Office (Kazan, Russia) and others.

The geography of the actual participants of the Conference covered European countries (Swiss Confederation) and Asian countries (Kyrgyzstan). The Russian Federation was represented by 3 cities of federal significance (Moscow – 24 persons, St. Petersburg – 4 persons, Sevastopol – 1 person), 6 republics (Republic of Tatarstan – 49 persons, Republic of Bashkortostan – 3 persons, Republic of Mari El – 4 persons, Udmurt Republic – 2 persons, Chuvash Republic – 2 persons, Republic of Mordovia – 1 person and 3 regions (Volgograd region – 1 person, Kemerovo region – 2 persons, Saratov region – 2 persons).

During the work of this scientific and practical conference, its participants discussed the issues of interdisciplinary approach to studying the ownership of natural resources and objects, the place and role of the institute of property rights in the system of natural resource and environmental legislation, the transformation of the institution of ownership of natural resources and objects using digital technologies, the legal support for the environmental management by owners of natural resources, the system of legal means of protecting the rights for natural resources, the current status and modernization of the ownership of the subsoil, water objects, land and forest areas and numerous other issues. The scientific discussions allowed the Conference participants to come to a variety of conclusions, which we will group into five main resolute decisions:

1. Efficient protection of the property rights over natural resources requires joint collaboration of law and other disciplines alongside with judicial practice.

2. One of the key elements of the property rights over natural resources is the subject of law, which owns natural resources. Most natural resources must remain in public ownership. It would provide reliability in natural resource management, since natural resources are the national heritage.

3. Infringement of property rights over natural resources leads to environmental problems. Consequences of such problems have supranational significance.

4. Rational environmental management is a positive element of protection of property rights over natural resources. Effective natural resources management provides the best environment protection.

5. It is essential to harmonize different country's legislation in the sphere of protection and management of cross-boundary natural areas and natural resources. In addition, prevention and elimination of cross-boundary pollution is also relevant.

It seems that this scientific and practical conference was an event that influenced the development of environmental law at the Law Faculty and the prestige of KFU as a whole. Scientific ties were strengthened through the representatives of the scientific communities of Switzerland, Kyrgyzstan, and the Republic of Belarus (via remote participation), regions of the Russian Federation dealing with interdisciplinary problems of protecting the right of ownership of natural resources and objects. The collaboration with state and judicial authorities, law enforcement agencies of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tatarstan, public and private organizations as potential employers, which is of great importance for the graduates, has been strengthened.

Sincere thanks to Alexander Andreevich Ryabov for his invaluable contribution to the legal science and development of the Law Faculty of Kazan Federal University, as well as the graduates of the Law Faculty – Alexander Andreevich's son, Andrey Aleksandrovich Ryabov, and Asgat Akhmetovich Safarov – for their invaluable assistance in organizing and conducting the Conference. KFU, Law Faculty, Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Process, professional and scientific community of environmental lawyers remember and honor their scholar, worker, colleague, friend, teacher, and the professional Alexander Andreevich Ryabov.

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