



## **Pioneering sponsor of ours: Dr. Serik Temirkhanov, KAPE**

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Dr. Serik Temirkhanov was born in Balkhash, Karaganda Region, in 1960. After graduating from the secondary school in his town, he entered Kazakh University in 1977. At that time he was fond of swimming and he was also the first Master of Sports in swimming out of the Kazakhs. He was doing his undergraduate research in fish biology under Dr. Antonina F. Sidorova who has become his life-long teacher and adviser. In addition to active fish-related research, all the student period Dr. Temirkhanov has led the university team of the swimmers which was recknowned for occupying only top places in the state inter-university games. His main research was focused on aboriginal ichthyofauna, and namely morphology, habits and evolution of the fish from the Osman genus. After graduation cum laudae his carieer has been split into three periods:

- 1982-1996, al-Farabi Kazakh National University;
- 1997-2001, time of self- search;
- Since 2001 – to date, Kazakh Agency for Applied Ecology (KAPE)

KAPE is dealing with domestic investigations on the state of environment to provide ecological security in this country. These investigations are being conducted under land and sea conditions. The team under Dr. Temirkhanov's supervision is monitoring Caspian Sea by the request of the administration of Mangistau Region and also involved in inter-state research together with other Near-Caspian countries. International level of present studies in the Caspian Sea is one of most obvious achievements of Dr. Temirkhanov's activities. His team is composed of graduates and undergraduates of Kazakh National University and Kazakh Agricultural University. Dr Temirkhanov supports young investigators himself, and besides, he tries to convince other authorities of KAPE to encourage investigations and provide finances to the authors of scientific books. Dr. Temirkhanov published more than 80 papers and 7 monographies in Kazakh, Russian, and English. He defends interests of Kazakhstan in the Committee of Bioresources of Caspian Sea and represents our country in CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) events. In 2015 Dr. Temirkhanov has established 1000 dolars fellowship to Ms. Asem Askarova, student of the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics for her research in field of animal (fish) genetics and populational statistics. Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics is honoured to express hearty gratitude to Dr. Serik

Temirkhanov for his kind donation to young brilliant researcher.

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