

ABSTRACT**Skripnik V. V. Scientists-orientalists in scientific and public life of Odessa (XIX – the beginning of the XX century).** – Manuscript.

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In the thesis based on predecessors' works (pre-revolution, Soviet, Ukrainian and Russian historiography) and personal research (archive materials, collections of documents, memoirs, works of scientists-orientalists) the complex investigation of scientific and public activity of Odessa scientists-orientalists in the XIX – at the beginning of the XX century was conducted.

Due to its geographical position Odessa became the epicenter of trade and diplomatic relationships with East. The society had an urgent necessity in preparing professional orientalists.

On the whole, from the first third of the XIX century an active study of East started in Odessa educational institutions and scientific public organizations. By the first fourth of the XX century certain results had been attained. A number of specialists-orientalists graduated from the East Languages Institute of the Richelieu Lyceum and historical-philological department of the Novorossia University. Odessa Association of History and Antiquities played an important part in the multiplication and scientific elaboration of the materials on orientalism. The traditions of orientalism in Odessa were interrupted by the Revolution and Civil war, and the subsequent closure of the Novorossia University and Odessa Association of History and Antiquities.

Key words: East, Odessa, East Languages Institute, Richelieu Lyceum, Novorossia University, Odessa Association of History and Antiquities.