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department at the Zoological Museum of the Academy of Sciences; he held that position until 1903 when he became a professor at Kharkov University in the Ukraine, where he spent the rest of his career. Earlier, from 1881 to 1891, he participated in numerous expeditions (Sakhalin, Lake Balkhash, Japan, Transcaspia, Iran, and the Caucasus). Among his students at Kharkov was S. A. Chernov, who later held Nikol'skiy's former post at the Academy of Sciences.

Nikol'skiy was interested in all vertebrate groups but especially lower vertebrates. His work emphasized systematics and faunal surveys and, unlike his Russian predecessors, also zoogeography and life histories. His primary works included books on the vertebrates of the Crimea (1891), "Herpetologia Turanica," which concerned the Fedchenko expedition to Turkestan (1899), "Herpetologia Rossica" (1905), which was his first major herpetological treatise, and "Herpetologia Caucasia" (1913). His most comprehensive herpetological work, the reptilian (1915, 1916) and amphibian (1918) volumes in the series "Fauna of Russia and Adjacent Countries," was of such continuing importance that it was republished in English in 1962-1964. Nikol'skiy also authored a text on animal geography in 1909. His career was honored by his election as Academician of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in 1919. He died in Kharkov on 8 December 1942.

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SIEBENROCK, Friedrich (1853-1925).

Siebenrock, reptilian anatomist and turtle taxonomist, was born on 20 January 1853 at Schörfling, near Attersee (Lake Atter) in Upper Austria. He received his university education in Innsbruck and Vienna. For many years Siebenrock was Demonstrator at the Zootomical Institute of the University of Vienna, under Carl B. Brühl who had authored a well-known atlas of crocodile osteology (1862), and he started voluntary work at the Naturhistorisches Museum in Vienna in January 1886. In December of that year he became an assistant to Franz Steindachner and thus worked with fishes as well as amphibians and reptiles. As Steindachner's duties at the museum became more administrative, Siebenrock gradually assumed responsibility for the collections of lower vertebrates and he was promoted to curator in 1895. He spent the rest of his career at the museum until retiring in 1920, when he was succeeded by Otto von Wettstein. Siebenrock then returned to the place of his birth, where he died in poverty on 28 January 1925.



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