

HISTORICA

THE ESTONIAN BRANCH OF A. SKOCHINSKY INSTITUTE OF MINING

The Estonian Branch of A. Skochinsky Institute of Mining was founded in 1968 at Kohtla-Järve (first at Jõhvi, later mainly at Kukruse). The research team was staffed mainly by scientists in mining, former (1958–1965) specialists of corresponding laboratories of the Oil Shale Research Institute. In the prime of the Branch in the second half of the eighties, 150 research workers, specialists in geology and mining, were engaged. Exploration and design works were made in all oil shale deposits of the former U.S.S.R.: Estonia, Leningrad District and Kashpir deposit at the lower course of the Volga. The Estonian Branch of Skochinsky Institute became a leading research centre in the U.S.S.R. in technology of oil shale mining (Alo Adamson), environmental impacts of mining (Arvi Toomik), economy of oil shale mining industry and development prognosis (Enno Reinsalu).

Though liquidation of administrative research institutions in Estonia involved the Estonian Branch as well, its rich scientific heritage has survived and the scientific school has dispersed its activities at the Mining Institute of Tallinn Technical University, at the Institute of Ecology of Tallinn Pedagogical University and at the corporation Estonian Oil Shale.

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Specialists visiting recultivated area



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