

**TO THE MEMORY OF LIDIYA OVEN**  
**(06.05.1930 – 09.01.2021)**



On 9 January, 2021, after a long illness, D. Sc. Lydia Oven passed away. She had worked for many years in the ichthyology department of the A. O. Kovalevsky Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas.

L. Oven was born on 6 May, 1930, in the village of Pervomaisk, Pervomaisk district, Gorky region. Her family was large, and parents, wishing their children a better life, instilled in them a love of learning from childhood. After graduating from school in 1948, Lydia Oven entered the faculty of biology of Lomonosov Moscow State University.

In 1953, she received a diploma of zoologist and ichthyologist. After a year of work at the department at the university, she moved to Crimea and started PhD graduate studies at the Karadag Biological Station. L. Oven studied the problems of fish reproduction in the Black Sea, mainly the peculiarities of fertility and multiple spawning. She described the main features of reproduction of Black Sea

fish of 18 families. This material later formed the basis of her monograph “Peculiarities of oogenesis and nature of spawning of marine fish” (1976).

On 11 June, 1963, Lydia Oven successfully defended PhD thesis at the Odessa I. I. Mechnikov National University. On 15 February, 1964, the scientific degree of candidate of biological sciences was awarded to her.

L. Oven began her scientific career at the A. O. Kovalevsky Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas in 1964 as a senior researcher. Since 1966, she took an active part in research cruises in the Red, Mediterranean, and Adriatic seas. In 1985, she was the head of an Atlantic expedition in the Guinea region.

Lidiya Oven paid much attention to the study of the development and maturation of germ cells in fish of warm latitudes during the spawning. She described in detail various oogenesis types and the corresponding spawning types.

In 1979, L. Oven defended D. Sc. dissertation. In 1980–1987, she was the head of IBSS ichthyology department. During the period of work at the institute (1964–2007), she became the author of more than 100 scientific publications, *inter alia* three collective and two individual monographs. Under her supervision, several PhD theses on the peculiarities of reproduction of various fish species were defended.

We will remember Lydia Oven as a highly qualified specialist, a wonderful leader, a creative soul, and a very good person.

*Colleagues from IBSS ichthyology department*

**ПАМЯТИ ЛИДИИ СЕРГЕЕВНЫ ОВЕН**  
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Ушла из жизни д. б. н. Лидия Сергеевна Овен, долгие годы проработавшая в отделе ихтиологии ИнБИОМ. Л. С. Овен — автор более чем 100 научных публикаций, в том числе трёх коллективных и двух личных монографий.