

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN MARITIME TRANSPORT



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Viktor I. Chekalovets was the founder of the scientific school of entrepreneurship on maritime transport. He was a doctor of economic sciences, professor, honored worker of science and technology of Ukraine, honorary worker of sea transport of USSR, honored worker of Ukraine and honorary worker of Illichivsk Commercial Sea Port.

He devoted his life to the functioning and development of commercial sea ports. In 1970 he defended his thesis on the intraport self-accounting. And in 1989, he presented to the scientific community his revolutionary scientific work for that time – a doctoral dissertation on “Theory and practice of self-accounting of commercial sea ports”, which he successfully defended¹. Back in the Soviet Union, in the late 1980s, he defended the principle of economic independence of the port economy. Even then it was a proven need for free market development and business in the maritime sector.

In the early 2000s he was among the first points to the need and the activation of private business in seaports by separating administrative and commercial functions in their management. This provision was enshrined in 2013 in the Law of Ukraine “On Seaports of Ukraine”, after his premature death in December 2008.

The results of the scientific work of Chekalovets V. I. found recognition in international and Ukrainian academics. He is the author of about 300 scientific and methodological works.

In 1996, he founded and headed the editorial board of the professional collection of scientific works “Development of management and entrepreneurship methods in transport”.

He was not only a famous scientist, but also a talented teacher. In the position of head of the Department of Enterprise Economics and

¹ Podbeltseva E.V. (2005) Ekologo-geograficheskie osobennosti potenciala morskih portov Ukrainy [Ecological and geographical features of the Ukrainian seaports potential]. *Ekologichna bezpeka priberezhnoyi ta shelfovoyi zon ta kompleksne vikoristannya resursiv shelfu*: Zb. nauk. pr. Sevastopol 12. P. 286–293. URL: <http://dspace.nbu.gov.ua/handle/123456789/57013>, accessed 20 June 2020.

Entrepreneurship at Odessa National Maritime University, he devoted a lot of time and energy to educational work, the education of scientific and pedagogical specialists. Under his leadership, 21 candidate and 1 doctoral dissertation were defended.

The scientific school of entrepreneurship in maritime transport is being developed. His many students are continuing the ideas of the founder of the school of Viktora I. Chekalovets, that is:

- explore the progressive world methods and forms of development of the maritime business for the possibility of introducing the best of them into the practice of Ukraine's seaports;

- introduce new teaching methods in the educational process to improve the quality of training for the maritime industry;

- continue to implement the idea of close cooperation of the maritime business, scientific school and educational institutions;

- stimulate innovation in the development of entrepreneurship in the maritime transport through the use of new organizational forms and economic mechanisms.

The scientific school is developed and replenished with new scientists and interesting scientific projects.