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Leningrad Branch of Association of
Polar Workers Formed

A Leningrad branch of the Association of Polar Workers was formed in the course of a general assembly of representatives from various Leningrad agencies involved in research and development in the Arctic and Antarctic.

Elected as president of this new public body is the nationally renowned polar specialist, Candidate of Geographic Sciences N. Kornilov, deputy director of the Arctic and Antarctic Scientific Research Institute (AANII). Yu. Khistyayev of the department of scientific expeditions of AANII was elected general director.

V. Lukin, deputy chairman of the presidium of the Leningrad Branch, discussed the goals of the association.

"Primarily, it is a matter of social protection of polar workers. Another goal is to enhance the ecological protection of the Arctic, Antarctic and polar regions. The association's plans also include support for the development of northern people's traditional pursuits; the creation of our own insurance company; a number of measures aimed at organizing propaganda lectures, educational and publishing activities; and arranging for tourist excursions to the Arctic and Antarctic on a commercial basis.

A nation-wide gathering of polar workers' representatives is also being arranged.