

Scientist Discusses Possible UFO Landing Near Surgut

At the present time, newspapers quite often publish reports about unidentified flying objects (UFOs). However, reports of this kind are met with considerable mistrust by serious readers having some connection with science.

The main objection of the skeptics is that those who are lucky enough to meet the "aliens" for some reason are mostly casual individuals, simple dilettantes. Can one take their accounts seriously?

No such objection can be made to El'vir Ivanovich Kucherenko. He is a serious scientist, a Candidate of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, who for many years has been interested in beings from other planets.

"Toward the end of August this year", reports Kucherenko "I happened to be at a drill hole situated one hour by helicopter to the north of Surgut. And one of the workers there, A. Lelin, told me that he just returned from the landing site of a UFO.

"Accompanied by one of the workers, I headed for the bank of a taiga creek two or two and a half kilometers from the drill hole. We recognized the spot immediately because of a circular clearing in the forest 60-70 meters in diameter. The trees in the clearing were uprooted, lying one on top of the other. The roots were projecting upwards, in some places three to four meters. There were badly singed, and some were even carbonized. One could even see occasional branches with profile burns similar to those encountered after a nuclear explosion.