

Additional steps should be taken to expand and intensify research into the social sciences, which are especially important at the current stage in the development of Soviet society. Attention should be focused on generalizing historical experience from the economic, social and cultural development of Siberia, on developing northern peoples within the framework of scientific and technical progress, and on studying and planning measures to preserve the cultural heritage of the peoples of Siberia.

While examining ways to accelerate practical implementation of the Siberian Branch's scientific reserve and expand its participation in the solution of regional problems, one must remember that the main factor determining the success and effectiveness of its work is the scope and calibre of the basic research being conducted. The comprehensiveness of the scientific centres inherent in the organization of the Branch enables it to make a substantial contribution to developing numerous high-priority scientific subject areas, specially interdisciplinary ones. Despite the economic difficulties facing the country, ways must be found to increase budgetary financing for basic research. After all, it is precisely this research which holds the key to technical and technological solutions which would revolutionize public production. At the same time, steps are being outlined to utilize reserves to improve productivity among scientific workers. Plans call for further improvement to the target program approach in the work of collectives, for reequipping the Branch's institutions with modern devices and instrumentation, for rapid development of information technologies, for increased independence and mobility for creative personnel, and for establishing an environment of competition.