

"The Institute began work on the creation of this unusual plastic way back in the sixties. Professor Viktor Nikolaevich Petri was the leader of the team. An entire school was set up, with an leading role played by a senior lecturer of the department, Irina Aleksandrovna Vakhrusheva, who selected this topic to defend her Candidate's thesis. A group of enthusiasts successfully completed a number of designs and made the test specimens of some types of LCWPs. However, after Professor Petri's death, everything came to a halt."

"Completely"?

"Industrially speaking, yes. In due course, work began on the building of shops for the production of LCWPs but soon afterwards they were all closed down. The main reason, I think, was our lack of progressiveness and inability to think ahead. We wanted to do things on a grand scale, to have giant factories! Instead, there were these tiny shops ...

"But the Institute did not abandon the scheme. In our day, interest in the advanced material has become unusually great and the department is continuing to perfect the production of plastics from wood wastes and plant materials. An innovative group of leading specialists has been formed, among them Candidates of Technical Sciences A. Druzhinin, N. Kartashov and Z. Yusupova, Scientific Co-Worker M. Il'icheva and others, totalling about 40 people in all."

"And already there is something to show"?

"A number of new technologies have been devised for the manufacture of plastics. Test samples have been produced in the institute's laboratory. Take a look..."