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## PREFACE

The geographic environment, along with landscapes that build it up, is the space for human life and activities. Ever since the beginning, man has been connected with the environment and depended on it in many aspects. These aspects are the subject of research of geography. This is the source of great significance of geographic and landscape research for man. At present, the situation is even more sharpened by a wide range of environmental problems, provoked mainly by human activities. This is why methodological geographic studies have essential meaning in the current situation, as they make it possible for landscape studies to find their place in these conditions and for man to find own place in landscape.

The collective volume of articles *Methodology of Landscape Research* is dedicated to theoretical aspects of landscape research. Articles of the volume were prepared by an international body of authors specializing in matters related to landscape research. Among other things, they concern: methodological foundations of geography (Viacheslav Andreychouk), general theory of landscape (Alexander Kovalev), theory and practice of landscape formation (Aleksander Böhm), cultural landscapes (Urszula Myga-Piątek) and their civilizational determiners (Florian Plit), ecological aspects of landscape research (Anatoliy Melnyk), the sense and meaning of technogenous landscapes (Pavel Zhoomar, Aliaksandr Karpichenka, Mikalaj Chartko), structural-functional and geochemical aspects of landscapes (Walerian Snytko, Yuriy Semenov), indicative properties of landscapes (Péter Csorba), analyses of condition and prospects of landscape research (Katerina Pozacheniuk), methods of mathematical analyses of landscape structure (Aleksej Viktorov) and matters related to modern computer-based tools of landscape research (Joanna Plit).

The scope of subject matter of the articles is in strict reference to methodological aspects, which are particularly important for development of every science. It includes the basic aspects of its condition, objectives and directions of development, that is its future. In particular articles of this collective volume, the authors look for the answers to the following questions: what is contemporary geography, what is landscape, what are its peculiar properties and ways of perception, what role does man play in it, which direction is landscape changing in, or how should geographers react to this. Some of the articles also include answers to questions like how contemporary landscape should be studied and what is the function of the most modern research methods in its comprehension. All this is highly important for the geographic science at a given stage of its development both in theoretical and the practical aspects.

*Editor*