

Iyah Dziekovskaya



This is me, Iyah Dziekovskaya, in a town garden on my way from work. This photo was taken in Odessa in 1964. This photograph was taken by a street photographer in spring. On the right is the building of a summer theater and behind it is the University library.

In 1960 my former college lecturer offered me a job at the department of physics in the Refrigeration Institute. I became a lab assistant and then a scientific employee. I worked at the Refrigeration Institute till retirement. I often traveled on business. I mainly went to Moscow. On my way from Moscow airport to the city I always enjoyed the view of a forest in winter: tree branches covered with hoar frost were like resembled Japanese landscape. However, I didn't like Moscow: too much fuss and noise. But when I came to a museum - this was different. I particularly liked beautiful museums of the Kremlin. In the evening I went to theaters. In Kiev I went to the Lesia Ukrainka Theater. In the 1970s my mother was severely ill and I was reluctant to leave her. When I went on business I called home from the airport in Moscow to ask whether everything was all right. My friends came by to look after my mother and walk Plutik, our poodle. I got along with colleagues. We often celebrated birthdays together. Men gave us souvenirs and cosmetics on 8 March. My former colleagues still visit me on jubilee dates.