

Fedor Litke was President of Russian Academy of Sciences, admiral, and vice chair of Russian Geographical Society. In due time he was the teacher of the future Russian Emperor Alexander the Second and his brother Grand Duke Konstantin Nikolaevich (both - sons of Tsar Nikolay the First) . Konstantin Nikolaevich was strongly devoted to geography ("natural history") and, when grown up, has become the founder and first chair of Russian Geographical Society. Until 1917, the Russian Geographical Society was chaired by members of the Russian Tsar family; whereas acting heads of the Society had the title of vice-chair.