

## IZOLDA RUSADZE

### MIKHEIL ALAVIDZE – RESEARCHER WORKING ON LECHKHUMIAN DIALECT

Mikheil Alavidze had a wide sphere of research interests. Through his writings he had made ceaseless efforts against corrupting the purity of the Georgian language. He had published articles on etymology and grammar, philological essays on Georgian classical writers, and recorded the accounts about Akaki Tsereteli's Journey in Racha-Lechkhumi.

Mikheil Alavidze began his scholarly career by researching the Lechkhumian dialect.

He contributed interesting works on the vocabulary and toponymics of both Lechkhumian and Imeretian dialects: Vocabulary of the Lechkhumian Dialect (1938), Features of the Lechkhumian Dialect (1941), Vocabulary of the Okribian (1950), the Lechkhumian Folklore (1951), Materials for the Lechkhumian Vocabulary (1955), From Georgian Dialectal Lexis (1962), etc.

A true scholar left an ineffaceable mark on the development of the Georgian lexicography.