

Alexei Pavlovich Fedchenko

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Alexei Pavlovich Fedchenko (7 February 1844 – 15 September 1873) was a Russian naturalist and explorer well known for his travels in central Asia.

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Biography

He was born at Irkutsk, in Siberia, and after attending the gymnasium of his native town, proceeded to the university of Moscow, for the study more especially of zoology and geology. In 1868 he travelled through Turkestan, Samarkand, Panjkent and the upper Zarafshan River valley. In 1870 he explored the Fan Mountains south of the Zarafshan. In 1871 he reached the Alay Valley at Daroot-Korgan and saw the northern Pamir Mountains but was unable to penetrate southward. Soon after his return to Europe he perished on Mont Blanc while engaged in an exploring tour in France.

He also discovered the life cycle of *Dracunculus* which causes Dracunculiasis, more commonly known as Guinea worm disease (GWD).

Accounts of the explorations and discoveries of Fedchenko have been published by the Russian government: his *Journeys in Turkestan* in 1874, *In the Khanat of Khokand* in 1875, and *Botanical Discoveries* in 1876. See also Petermann's *Mittheilungen* (1872–1874).

The Fedchenko Glacier in the Pamirs is named after him, as is the asteroid 3195 Fedchenko.

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Born	February 7 [O.S. February 19] 1844 Irkutsk, Russian Empire
Died	August 31, 1873 (aged 29) Mont Blanc, France
Fields	Biology, geography, exploration
Alma mater	Moscow University
Known for	Exploration of Turkestan

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