A Sort of Modern[ist] Vitalism?  Darwinism, Art, Politics and Soviet ‘Evolutionary Therapy’ in WWII

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2. Aleksandr Kots lecturing on Darwinian ideas of artificial and natural selection to bedbound and mobile wounded soldiers, and medical staff, Frunze Military Academy hospital, Moscow, 1941-44.

3. Fillip Fedulov, Darwin Museum chief taxidermist and wartime fire warden, July 1941 / remains of the incinerated wild boar’s head exhibit, July 1941.

4. From left to right: E.G. Gavrilov, Fillip Fedulov, Rudolf (Rudi) Kots, 1941-1944, as air-raid and fire wardens/Rudolf (Rudi) Kots in the makeshift air raid lookout at the Darwin Museum, 1941-44.

5. Aleksandr Kots lecturing at the exhibition Animals in War in a Historical Overview, Frunze Military Academy Hospital, Moscow, 1942.

6. Aleksandr Kots using a temporary display of paintings in a lecture about evolution/Darwinism, possibly in the Frunze Military Academy Hospital ‘clubroom’ for the mobile wounded soldiers, c.1941-1944.

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9. Konstantin Flerov, Berber People Outside Sardakh, 1942, oil on canvas, 153 x 111cm / Hannibal Outside Trebbi, 1942, oil on canvas, 150 x 123cm, State Darwin Museum, Moscow.

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11. Nadezhda Ladygina-Kots lecture, The Mental/Emotional Worlds of Animals and Humans, to seriously wounded soldiers at the Frunze Military Academy Hospital, 1941-44