The award ceremony celebrating Sinin's discovery of the reduction of nitrobenzene to aniline. (L to R): Prof. Dr. Ilshat Gafurov, Rector of the University; David Lewis representing HIST; Prof. Dr. Vladimir Galkin, Dean of the A. M. Butlerov Institute of Chemistry at Kazan Federal University, at Kazan Federal University, October 10, 2014. The award ceremony was held at the end of the International Chugaev Conference on Coordination Chemistry.

According to Lewis,

“After my plenary at the Chugaev conference, the conference was officially closed. Then, while the Rector of the University and the Minister of Education were still present, I made a brief PowerPoint presentation, followed by the formal presentation of the plaque to the Rector, who asked Vladimir Galkin (Dean of the School of Chemistry) to join us for the official photograph of the presentation.

“The plaque itself will reside in the Museum of Kazan Federal University (the laboratory in which Sinin conducted his research no longer exists), and I think this is an excellent location. Not only do students and prospective students of the university visit this museum, but many visiting dignitaries are also given private tours of the museum (e.g. Hillary Clinton was one, as were Ryoji Noyori and Akira Suzuki).”