

In memoriam

Tatyana Alexeeva (07. 12. 1928 – 22. 06. 2007)

Tatyana Alexeeva, the most prominent Russian anthropologist, had accepted the invitation to take part at the conference “Anthropology and Medical Practice” (Vilnius, September 20–23, 2007), unfortunately, she died. The deceased was a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a professor of Moscow Lomonosov University, President of the Russian Department of the European Anthropological Association, an honorary member of the Chernogora Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences. She had been a great supporter and fellow of the Lithuanian physical anthropologists: together with her husband Valerij Alexeev she dealt with some issues of the Baltic anthropology while investigating the ethnogenesis of Slavonic peoples.

Tatyana Alexeeva was born in Kazan, in the family of a professor of biology; she graduated from Moscow University in 1951, defended her PhD in 1954, and then her DSc in 1969. The scope of her scientific activities was quite broad: the ethnogenesis of Slavonic peoples, human ecology, adaptability of modern and ancient populations, anthropological expedi-

tions in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, the Middle, Central and North Eastern Asia, problems of museology, teaching anthropology at Moscow Lomonosov University, at the International Independent University of Ecology and Politics, as well as at Moscow University of Psychology and Education. The deceased was the author of 14 monographs and over 250 other publications, a great number of them being translated into English, German, Polish, Serbian, Chinese and Mongolian, 30 of her students were conferred doctoral degrees. Her contribution to Russian and world anthropology is extremely great.

A colourful personality, a charming lady, although a strict teacher but a benevolent colleague and a tender friend, a prepossessing and hospitable hostess and culinary lover (every Moscow anthropologist has visited her cosy flat and tried her cakes “pirogi”), a brave horsewoman (Emir, her horse, was a real member of the Alexeev family) – this is the picture, that will be recalled by everybody who had met Tatyana Alexeeva in their life. Requiescat.

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