

Vladimir Zhuchkov
(1940 – 2015)

The community of Russian Kant scholars suffered a loss as Vladimir Zhuchkov passed away on May 23, 2015. Professor Zhuchkov was one of the founders and editors of “Kantovsky Sbornik”, he was one of the first scholars in Soviet Union to specifically dedicate his efforts to studying Kant’s philosophy and its context. Vladimir Zhuchkov was among the organizers of 1st Kant Readings, that were held in Kaliningrad in 1974 to commemorate Kant’s 250th anniversary and largely due to his efforts became a regular event. Professor Zhuchkov had a thorough and systematic vision of Kant’s philosophy, defending its coherence and relevance to current philosophical issues. He paid careful attention to pre-Kantian period in German philosophy, its place and significance in the history of Modernity and the Enlightenment. Vladimir Zhuchkov also conducted notable research in Neo-Kantian philosophy, paying specific attention to the influence it spread over Russian philosophy and science. He was a tireless opponent of stereotypes and prejudices in Kantian studies. The translations of works of Kant, Wolff and other classics of philosophy, done by Professor Zhuckkov, will remain an invaluable asset to future generations of scholars. Our loss is irreplaceable, but people like Vladimir Zhuchkov keep Russian Kant scholarship alive.

