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THE PRESIDENT

In memoriam Vyacheslav Stepin.

It is with greatest sadness that I learned of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Professor Vyacheslav Stepin. In these days of mourning and sorrow, it is not hard to imagine the speechlessness of his family and close friends. Along with the broken-heartedness that his demise caused to those in his closest circle, his unique personality will be deeply missed by all and each of his peers. Few scholars, possibly few humans, have so deeply marked not only the intellectual landscape of their time, but also the lives of their fellow scholars and friends.

Prof. Stepin's scholarly legacy and academic influence will long remain as vivid memories in the minds of philosophers and lovers of Russia all over the world. His lifelong reflection on philosophy and science has significantly contributed to the international standing of the Russian philosophical community. His contribution to a global recognition of Russian philosophy has been tremendous. Above all, his moral qualities did not go unnoticed among his colleagues outside of Russia. He will be dearly remembered as a righteous, truthful, and brave leader, as a man profoundly devoted to the culture of his country and strongly supportive of the intellectual interests of his fellow scholars.

On behalf of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies, I would like to pay the highest tribute to his lifelong scholarly commitment, and extend our deepest condolences to his family, to his former and current students, and to all scholars who are mourning his loss.

Milan, Dec 17th, 2018.

Luca Maria Scarantino.