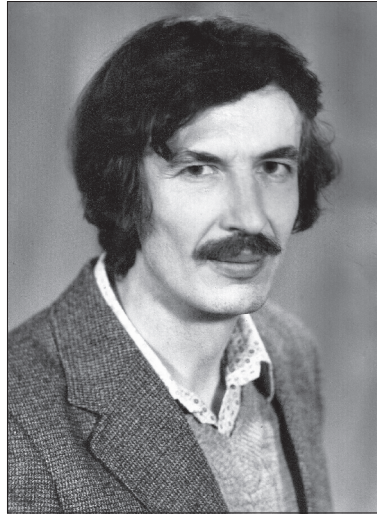


## IN MEMORIAM

### NIKOLAI KONAKOV

Nikolai Konakov, Komi ethnologist and folklorist passed away on 10 August 2010. He was a man who had long-term cooperation ties with the Estonian National Museum, ethnographers and researchers of religion.

Nikolai Konakov was born on December 2, 1946 in Dresden, Germany, into a military family. In 1975, he graduated from the faculty of history at Leningrad University and defended his degree in 1979 in the Leningrad Institute of Ethnography of the Russian Academy of Sciences. As of 1989, he was the head of the department of ethnography and folkloristics at the Komi Affiliate of the Institute of History, Language and Literature, within the Ural department of the Russian Academy of Sciences.



N. Konakov was in charge of systematic fieldwork in the north-eastern part of Europe and in East-Siberia, these areas were also in the focus of ethnographic and folkloristic research. He was also the compiler and editor of numerous collections on the Komi traditional worldview and ethnography, and wrote more than 200 scientific papers. His written legacy contains monographs and articles on the traditional culture and ethnic history of Eurasian peoples. He was a prodigious researcher, the editor and author of the articles in the book on Komi mythology. Nikolai Konakov was an associate member of an international network of folklorists, FF Communications (Helsinki), and an acting member of the New York Academy of Sciences.