



Farewell to Leonid Grigorievich Kondrashov

Dr. Leonid Grigorievich Kondrashov left us on 29 April 2010. He left us unexpected, soon after his 60th birthday on 7 February.



More than ten years ago Leonid Grigorievich joined the international movement for the protection of the world's forest from destruction by fire. He contributed with intelligence, creativity and diligence. And most importantly he constructed a bridge between the Asian societies and the global movement, as an interpreter between languages and cultures.

Leonid Grigorievich Kondrashov served the voluntary movement under the auspices of the United Nations, notably the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and its Global Wildland Fire Network.

He was the driver and hard worker of building the UNISDR Regional Northeast Asia Wildland Fire Network. Later he took over the role of Coordinator of the UNISDR Regional Central Asia Wildland Fire Network, and served in the Wildland Fire Advisory Group – the most important body that is advising the United Nations in matters related to wildland fires globally.



Leonid Grigorievich produced a number of monographs and collections of papers on fire in Northeast Asia and their implications on the Earth system. He facilitated numerous activities all over Eurasia, including in East Europe and the Southern Caucasus region. The heritage he left behind, and the memories of a great and courageous friend.

Members of the Regional Wildland Fire Networks of Northeast Asia, Central Asia and Eurasia, as well as members of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialist on Forest Fire signed a condolence letter to the family of Leonid

Grigorievich expressing their sorrow about the loss of a friend, a personality who has devoted the so much energy and enthusiasm in protecting the forests of the globe, and particularly in Central and Northeast Asia, against the destruction by fire.

At the occasion of the International Conference "Forest Fires: Management and International Cooperation in Preventing Forest Fires in APEC Region" in Khabarovsk, Russia, 6 October 2010, the Memorial Medal of the Federal Forest Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the Russian Federation, was awarded posthumous to Leonid Grigorievich Kondrashov in recognition for his achievements in forest fire science and management in Russia, and handed over to his widow, Ms. Marina Shevchenko.

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On behalf of members and friends of the
Global Wildland Fire Network and the
UNISDR Wildland Fire Advisory Group
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