

Evgeny Andreev

Dear Evgeny,

The old saying says “you never get a second chance to make a good first impression”. To me you are the living proof that the saying is wrong!

When I saw you for the first time, it was at the EAPS European Population Conference in Paris, in 1991. You were on the podium, presenting a paper on mortality trends in Russia and I was in the meeting room. I have to confess you that you seemed to me so serious, so severe, so grave, that you frightened me as much as if you came from the KGB instead of the Goscomstat!

Huge mistake! As soon as I see you again, and not only see this time, but meet and talk, you made me a second first impression, totally opposite: a delicious gentleman enjoying good things and smiling to the life. The few following pictures make it evident!



Rome, Trevi Fontana, July 7-13, 2003



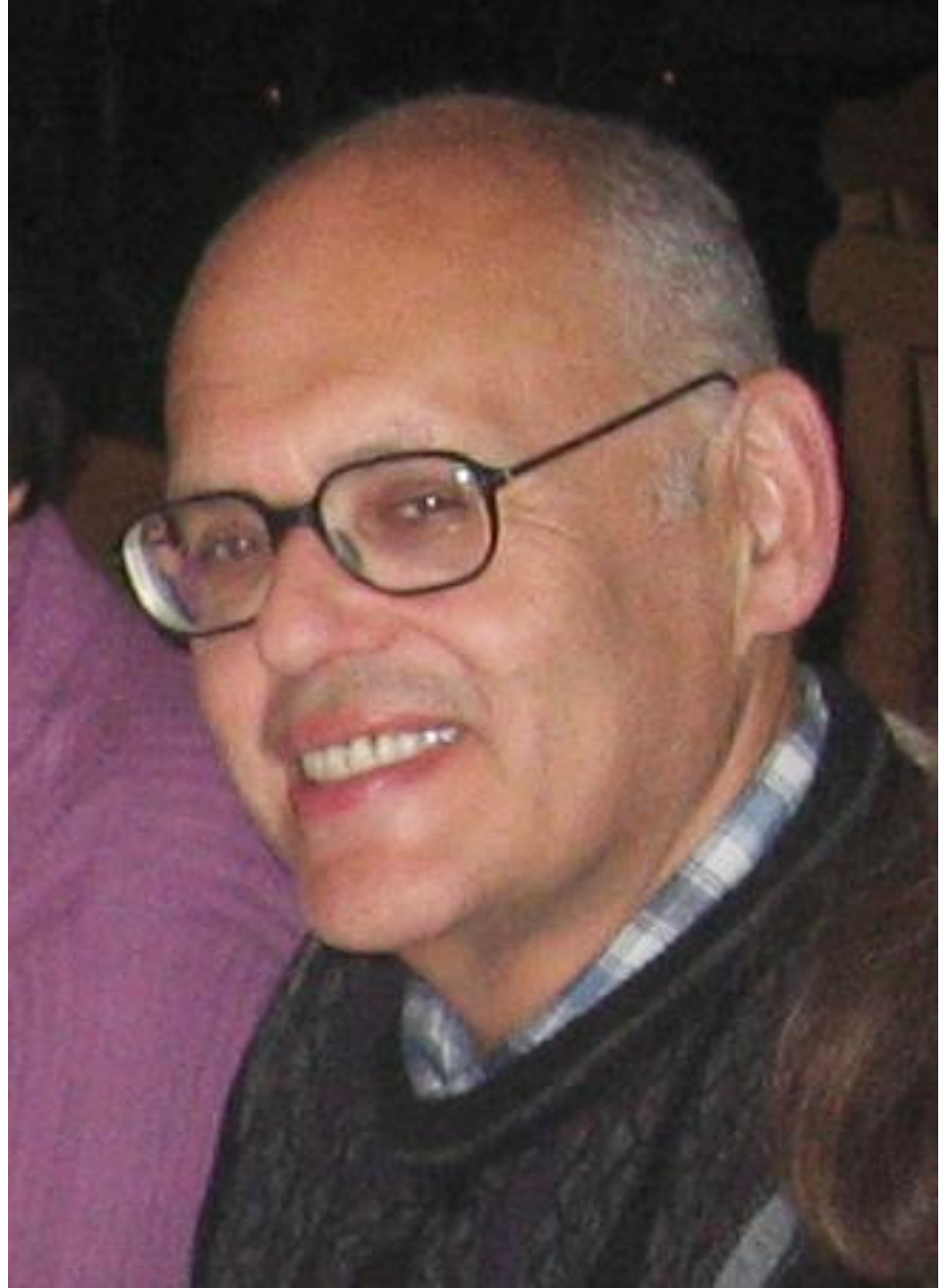
- Rostock, March 11, 2004



- Antony,
Parc de Sceaux,
December 19, 2004



- Rostock, May 17, 2005



- Rostock,
November 30, 2008



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November 30, 2008





• Moscow, January 25, 2012



- Moscow,
January
25, 2012

We became good colleagues and friends. Yes, you still impress me a lot, but it is by your great competence and your perfect scientific integrity that are only challenged by your extraordinary availability to help your colleagues to understand difficult questions or to access precious and rare data. For long, I will keep, in particular, from our common work on historical geography of Russian mortality, a very pleasant souvenir.

Dear Evgeny, I congratulate you for your brilliant and fruitful carrier, quite beneficial to all around you, the whole scientific community and finally to science development.

I wish you a very happy birthday, as well as another quarter of century full of successful research projects!!!

Jacques