Editor’s foreword

Alexander Pavlovich Volodin

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While current issue was assembled we learned that Professor Alexander Pavlovich Volodin passed away. A. P. Volodin was one of the most prominent linguists of contemporaneity. He studied Finno-Ugric languages at the Leningrad State University from 1953 to 1958. From 1961 he worked at the Institute of Linguistic Researches of Academy of Sciences of USSR specializing in endangered Itelmen language of Kamchatka. He received his Ph.D. in 1980, and since 2005 he worked as a professor at the Herzen University of Saint Petersburg, and also he continued to work at the Institute of Linguistic Researches of Russian Academy of Sciences. A. P. Volodin has published about 190 scientific and pedagogic papers and textbooks, 12 monographs. He has participated in about 10 expeditions to Kamchatka where he studied languages and cultures of Itelmen and Kereks; and also in some expeditions to the region of Naryan-Mar where he studied Nenets language and culture. Sphere of interests of A.P. Volodin was very wide: Finno-Ugric languages and culture, Paleosiberian languages and cultures, linguistic typology, typology of grammatical categories, comparative linguistics, ethnolinguistics. Ideas of A. P. Volodin about typology have inspired use of grammatical typology in comparative linguistics and elaboration precise verifiable methods for comparative linguistics.

Current issue of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnosemiotics is dedicated to the memory of Professor A. P. Volodin.