

Professor Alexander Tatarkin was one of the true supporters of Eurasia Business and Economics Society (EBES) and contributed EBES in many different ways. He was an Executive Board member of EBES and Board member of Euro-Asia Forum in Politics, Economics and Business (EAFPEB). In his whole life, he attached special importance to not only academic research but also international collaborations. He believed that academic research focusing on the Euro-Asia region was not sufficient and something needed to be done.

Our roads were intersected in 2013 in Istanbul exactly because of this. We met him through Julia Lavrikova when she joined our Istanbul conference. We would like to thank her for introducing us to Prof. Tatarkin. After our discussions, he invited us to organize one of the EBES conferences in his institution. Eventually we organized our 11th conference in Ekaterinburg at the Institute of Economics, Ural Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences. With his support, we were able to attract 134 papers by 205 colleagues from 38 countries.

He was a forward-looking, clear-sighted not only an academician but also an executive. After our successful collaboration in Ekaterinburg, we decided to enrich our collaboration further. When we established EAFPEB in 2014, we agreed that EAFPEB would organize its annual conferences with the collaboration of the Institute of Economics, Ural Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences. With this collaboration, EBES and Ural Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences have started to provide a platform for discussion that would lead to better understanding of global, regional, and industry agendas and problems in Euro-Asia region.

He was one of a handful of academicians who understood the importance of international collaboration and regional research. He was the Director at the Institute of Economics, Ural Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences in Ekaterinburg and a well-known and influential figure in the Soviet Union era.

Beside his influential research history, he was a very good friend of EBES and, more importantly, a good person. Words fall short of expressing our sorrow! Our deepest condolences to his family and friends!

He will truly be missed! Rest in peace!

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