

**VITALY STOLBOV †**  
**25 APRIL 1915 - 10 DECEMBER 2003**

Vitaly STOLBOV, a recognized leader of the Soviet and Russian historians of physical education and sport, member of the *International Society of Olympic Historians*, honoured member of the *Russian Olympic Committee*, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor of the *Russian State University of Physical Education, Sport and Tourism*, and Vice-President of the Central Olympic Academy in Russia, passed away on December 10, 2003; in his 89th year.

An outstanding scientist has deceased. His scientific studies, textbooks and manuals are the pride of the national history of sport and they are widely used in the training of experts as well as practical activities of sports organizations.

During the last decade, Professor STOLBOV also actively participated in the creation of the state and public system of Olympic education of

schoolchildren and students in Russia. He is a co-author of eleven editions of the textbooks for schoolchildren: *Your Olympic Textbook* and the book: *Student's Olympic Textbook*, the main contents of which are the history of the Olympic Games and Olympic Movement.

The name of Vitaly STOLBOV will forever go down in the history of sports and Olympic Movement of Russia, to which he completely devoted all his life and he will remain in the memory of his numerous Russian and foreign colleagues and grateful followers.

Signed by members of the Russian Olympic Committee:

*Vladimir Rodichenko,*  
*Natalya Melnikova,*  
*Alexander Kontanistov*