



Professor Gennady Zhukov (1924-2014)

Former Vice-President and Honorary Director, IISL

Gennady Petrovich Zhukov was born in Moscow on 30 April 1924.

As a teenager, he fought for the Soviet Union in the Second World War. In August 1941 he was hospitalized for shrapnel wounds but resumed military duties on the front from May to December 1942. Later he served as an instructor of physical education in the Kirzhach military unit. He was awarded with the “Order Of Great Patriotic War of I degree” and other medals.

He graduated from the All-Union Extra-Mural Law Institute (now the Moscow State Law University) in 1947 and entered graduate school at the Institute of State and Law of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, where he defended his dissertation, “The USSR strife for democratic resolution of the issue on the Polish-German border” (1951).

From 1951 to 1955 G.P. Zhukov was in charge of the law sector of the Academy of Sciences of the Lithuanian SSR. He continued to conduct research activities at the Institute of State and Law of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. He worked as an Academic Secretary of the Commission of the Academy of Sciences of Interplanetary Space Legal Affairs.

In 1966 G.P. Zhukov defended his doctoral dissertation – “International legal problems of space exploration” in the Institute of State and Law of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. Later, he was appointed as the Head of the Department of International Law of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of USSR (1970-1978) and the Head of the UN Sector of the Department of International Organizations of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) of the Academy of Sciences of USSR (1981-1988).

He spent more than 30 years of work associated with the People's Friendship University of Russia. Zhukov initially taught there at the Department of International Law from 1965 to 1969, and then from 1988 until shortly before his death.

In 2010 Professor G.P. Zhukov initiated the process of preparing students of the Department of International Law to participate in the Manfred Lachs Moot Space Law Competition. On his initiative the Department established the Space Law Centre, which hosts conferences and round tables.

Zhukov served as a Vice President of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) for 15 years, finally becoming an Honorary Director of the Institute. In 1968 he was awarded with a gold medal and a diploma from the International Astronautical Federation and the IISL respectively for his contributions to the scientific development of International space law issues.

Professor G.P. Zhukov participated in many international diplomatic meetings and conferences, in particular sessions of the Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Working Group on Direct Broadcast Satellites, the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, the UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE, Vienna, 1968), Diplomatic Conference on International Air Law (1978) and the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (1979).

In 1978-1979 he was elected as the Deputy Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal and at the same time the director of the Legal Department of the Organization.

Zhukov took part in many international conferences, lectured International law at the universities of Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Canada, France, Greece, Poland, Switzerland, the USA and Finland. In 1978, he delivered a course of lectures at the Hague Academy of International Law on "Current trends of International Space Law development", which was published in the Collected Courses of the Academy. He was an author of more than 300 papers.

Zhukov was a member of the Moscow Union of Journalists, a member of the World Association of International Law (London) and a member of its Committee on Space Law, member of the Russian Association of International Law, an honorary member of the Bulgarian Astronautical Society, a former member of Editorial Board of the Dutch journal *Air & Space Law*, member of dissertation councils of the PFUR and the Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Under the leadership of G.P. Zhukov more than 40 theses in speciality "International Law. European law" have been defended.

On 6 February 2010 Professor G.P. Zhukov was awarded with the title of Honoured Lawyer of the Russian Federation.

His final work is the posthumously published 2014 textbook "International Space Law" edited by G.P. Zhukov and A.Kh. Abashidze.