

## The Annual Terry Wade Memorial Lecture Series

Terence Wade died on 22 November 2005. He is sadly missed by colleagues and family alike. Throughout his academic career Terence's great gift and also his passion was to teach the Russian language to students. His intense love of the language drove him to promote Russian language and cultural studies in Britain and internationally. As a young graduate he trained interpreters at the Joint Services School for Linguists. This grounding led to a long and successful career at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, during which he was made Professor of Russian and Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages. Terence was respected by Slavonic Studies Departments all over Britain as an external examiner and research assessor, and was also involved in and became chairman of the Scottish Institute of Linguists.

An enthusiastic member of the ATR, Association of Teachers of Russian, (later ALL, Association of Language Learning), he first served as editor of the Journal of Russian Studies, and then Chairman of the ATR in 1986-89 and finally President in 1989-90. For many years Terence represented Great Britain on the presidium of MAPRYAL (the International Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature) and received the accolade of the Pushkin medal for his services to Russian teaching presented by the Russian government.

Terence has left an impressive range of publications on the Russian language and culture. He wrote numerous articles on a wide range of subjects and completed twelve books, most notably his grammar, which is now used by students of Russian across the world. His most recent books on synonyms, etymology and the contemporary Russian language displayed a deepening interest in Russian vocabulary.

His final book, published posthumously, reflects this interest and is dedicated to the many students who have benefited from his teaching and his writing. While Terence's life has come to an end, his work in the field of Russian teaching continues, and the present publication bears testimony to this.

On a personal level, Terence will be remembered by his colleagues, friends and family as a scholar and a gentleman. His outstanding personal characteristics were modesty and courtesy, kindness and fairness, but also great dynamism and a keen sense of humour.

One of Terence's last wishes was that this, his final book, should reach publication.

***Using Russian Vocabulary* will be available for sale at the inaugural lecture on 07 October 2009.**

