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The leader of Russian (and CIS) non-classical logicians, Prof. VLADIMIR ALEKSANDROVICH SMIRNOV, died of cancer on February 12, 1996. He was the person who attracted my attention to N. A. Vasil'ev and with whom I discussed many of my ideas (the last time in Florence and *en route* back; he was already gravely ill but decided to attend the Congress despite the advice of the doctors. V. A. Smirnov was the very center of logical thought and enterprise, the most known and respected of scholars. Many times I visited him at home on Gogol *bul'var* (near the Institute of Philosophy, where he was the Chief of the Logic Department). His wife Elena Dmitrievna Smirnova, two years older than him, but still a very energetic woman, is also a fairly prominent logician from the Chair of Logic of Moscow State University; she will replace her deceased husband as Chief of the Logic Department.

V. A. Smirnov's writings on history of logic, and in particular on Vasil'ev's work, included "Logicheskie vzglyady N. A. Vasil'eva" in V. M. Mezhev (ed.), *Ocherki po istorii logiki v Rossii* (Moscow, Izdat. Moskovskogo universiteta, 1962), 242–257, "Modality *de re* and Vasiliev's Imaginary Logics," *Logique et Analyse* 29 (1985), 205–211, and "The Logical Ideas of N. A. Vasiliev and Modern Logic" in J. E. Fenstad, I. T. Frolov and R. Hilpinen (eds.), *Proceedings of the VIIIth International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Moscow, 17-22 August 1987* (New York, Elsevier Science Publishers, 1989), 625–640. He also edited the collection *Imaginary Logic: Selected Works of N. A. Vasil'ev* (Moscow, Nauka, 1989).