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Dear Friends and Colleagues

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of your esteemed Director-General, Lyudmila Shaposhnikova.

A woman of many talents, Dr Shaposhnikova has through a lifetime of dedicated service become a huge figure in the history of the Roerich family and an inspiration to future generations. Her sense of adventure and tenacity, often amid great adversity, will be remembered by everyone who knew her, including her many personal friends and our thoughts are with them today.

We came into Dr Shaposhnikova's story only recently but have not failed to be impressed by her unstinting efforts to save and restore the Lopukhins' Mansion and create a wonderful non-governmental museum, which has been an INTO member organisation since 2011.

Towards the end of her life, the founder of the National Trust, Octavia Hill wrote:

"New circumstances require various efforts; and it is the spirit, not the dead form, that should be perpetuated. When the time comes that we slip from our places, and they are called to the front as leaders, what should they inherit from us? ...

We shall leave them a few houses, purified and improved, a few new and better ones built, a certain record of thoughtful and loving management, a few open spaces, some of which will be more beautiful than they would have been; but what we care most to leave them is not any tangible thing, however great, not any memory, however good, but the quick eye to see, the true soul to measure, the large hope to grasp the mighty issues of the new and better days to come—greater ideals greater hope, and patience to realise both".

I hope and believe the legacy of Lyudmila Shaposhnikova will live on in a similar way.

Yours faithfully



Catherine Leonard
Head of the INTO Secretariat