

Obituary

Pavel Romanov

It is with great sadness that I send this note of condolence. We have lost a wonderful colleague and a great academic and pioneer of social policy, professions and gender studies in Russia, who passed away all too early just turning 50. Pavel was a truly international player who strongly believed in the power of knowledge, when developed bottom-up and shared, and who was unconditionally committed to solidarity and the values of equality and diversity. He has played an important role in the international networks of the sociology of professions. On top of this, he has enthusiastically supported the Research Committee 52 of 'Professional Groups' of the International Sociological Association (ISA) and has taken every opportunity to participate in the World Conferences and Interim Workshops. Even recently, when he himself was unable to join, he has encouraged his PhD students and early career researchers to present joint research findings carried out under his supervision. And he has also encouraged his students and young colleagues to join the forthcoming World Congress of Sociology in July 2014 in Japan. The young generation of Russian scholars of the sociology of professions keep the bonds alive and they are warmly welcome to ISA RC52.

Pavel was also actively involved in the development of pan-European networks. Being a member of the Research Network 19 'Professions' of the European Sociological Association (ESA), he has contributed many research papers and has given key note lectures to PhD Workshops. He has also participated in international publication projects and contributed both a gender-sensitive perspective and knowledge into Russian healthcare governance to the edited collections.

Pavel Romanov has been among the first to bring the perspective of Russian Sociology of Professions into the international networks, and to connect professions studies to social policy and gender equality agendas. He has been invaluable in weaving the bonds between Russian sociology and ISA and ESA.

Pavel will be sadly missed by his international friends and colleagues. But when the sadness has gone, we keep the good memories, and Pavel's strong believe in science and equality and his international spirit will be both an incentive and an obligation for all of us.

My thoughts are with his family!

Ellen Kuhlmann
(President of ISA RC52)