

IN MEMORIAM

Davorin Peterlin (1959-2010)

Dr. Davorin Peterlin only recently joined the editorial board of *Religion in Eastern Europe*. Late in 2009 we asked him whether he would be willing to become our book review co-editor and he agreed. At the time he was Professor of Early Christianity and History of Minority Religious Groups and Head of the Research Department at the Evangelical Theological Faculty in Osijek, Croatia, where previously he had been Dean from 1995-1997.

He had received his higher education in linguistics at the University of Zagreb, then theological studies at the Baptist Theological School in Novi Sad and "Matija Vlacic Ilirik" in Zagreb, followed by an M.A. in Biblical Studies at Regent College in Vancouver, Canada and Ph.D. in New Testament at Aberdeen University in Scotland. He had been the director at Keston Institute in Oxford, England and an editor of *Loci Communes*. At the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic, he also served as Dean, and taught at Regent's Park College at Oxford University, Milltown Institute in Dublin, Ireland, Faculty of Theology of the Society of Jesus in Zagreb, as well as the "Matija Vlacic Ilirik" Protestant Theological School in the same city. *Religion in Eastern Europe* published his article, "An Analysis of the Publishing Activity of Keston Institute in the Context of Its Last Three Years of Operation in Oxford (2003-2006) in Vol XXX, No. 1 (February 2010).

Dr. Peterlin died unexpectedly on June 14, 2010 in Zagreb, Croatia at the age of 51. He was certainly one of the best educated and pre-eminent theologians in Eastern Europe who was poised to be as productive later in life as before his death. The editors of *Religion in Eastern Europe* lost a potentially very fruitful contributor before we were able to benefit from his great experience and expertise in many facets of Eastern European religious developments. May he rest in the Lord in eternity. - Paul Mojzes, Co-Editor.