

Denis Sinor 1916-2011

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The MIASU is saddened to announce the passing away of Distinguished Professor Emeritus Denis Sinor, who died peacefully on the evening of January 12th 2011.

Professor Sinor was recognised worldwide as a preeminent scholar of Inner Asian studies. His publications spanned Turkic, Mongolian and Altaic linguistics, the history of Hungary, the history of Inner Asia, and reflections on the state of the field. Formerly at the University of Cambridge, he was invited to Indiana University in 1962. Professor Sinor was an important institution-builder in the field – he pioneered the Indiana programme of Uralic studies and expanded it into one of the world's premier institutions for research and teaching on Central Eurasia, and he was prominent in organising the PIAC series of international conferences.

Professor Sinor will be remembered by those who knew him for his wisdom and kindness, his charm and his wit. His numerous publications are a testimony to his enduring legacy to scholarship.