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IN HONOR OF DR. PÉPIN*

G. P. Zhukov⁺

The international space community is pleased to honor Professor *Eugène Pépin* on his birthday celebration and takes this occasion to recognize his outstanding achievements, particularly in the development of international and space law.

Professor Eugène Pépin served as President of the International Institute of Space Law from 1963-1973, and since that time he has served as its Honorary President. He is an outstanding lawyer with extensive experience and vast knowledge in space and air law. From the very beginning of the development of space law, his wisdom and experience has benefited all who have followed his footsteps.

Since 1957, *Professor Eugène Pépin* has taken part in the space law colloquia of the International Astronautical Federation and was the founder of the International Institute of Space Law. As President of the Institute, he expended much of his time and energy in order to make it the leading international center for the study of space law. *Professor Pépin* reflected on the results of these activities in his book, "History of the International Institute of Space Law of the International Astronautical Federation" published in 1982.

Within the framework of the Institute, *Professor Pépin* has done a lot to review the practice of space law teaching around the world and to publish an annual bibliography of space law. In connection with the annual colloquia on space law, organized under his leadership as President of IISL, *Professor Pépin's* above mentioned activities have been a valuable contribution toward increasing the knowledge of space law in the world for the common and peaceful benefit of all mankind.

As President of the IISL, its Honorary President, author, lecturer, editor, commentator and through other scientific activities, *Professor*

* **Editor's note:** This article was written before the recent death of Dr. Eugène Pépin who not long ago celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth and to whom the previous and current issues of the JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW have been dedicated. The JOURNAL joins his colleagues and friends all over the world in expressing its deepest sympathy to his relatives and loved ones.

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