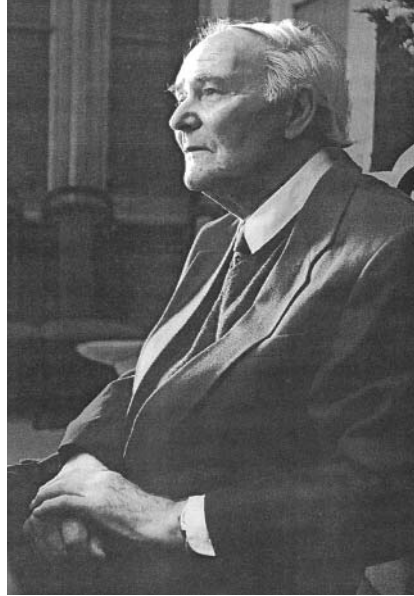


## Vsevolod M. Potin (28.03.1918-12.09.2005)

Dr Vsevolod Potin, renowned numismatist and historian, passed away in St Petersburg on 12th September 2005 at age 87. Dr Potin had been curator of European Coins and Medals in the Hermitage Museum, where he was responsible for a collection of over 350,000 objects, since 1959. He was Keeper of the Numismatic Department for almost twenty-five years, from 1974 to 1998.

Vsevolod Potin was born on the 28th of March 1918 in the Russian city of Ryazan'. His parents were from an intellectual Russian family. They moved from Ryazan' to Peterhoff near Leningrad in 1931, where Vsevolod Potin attended secondary school. He was fond of history, literature and the humanities in general and he matriculated in the History Department of Leningrad University. His teachers were world known scientists



such as V.V. Struve, B.D. Grekov, E.V. Tarle, V.V. Mavrodin and others.

At the university Vsevolod Potin specialized in Medieval European history and at the same time, during Second World War, was an intern in the State Hermitage under the supervision of the great numismatists of that period, N. Bauer, A. Ilyin, A. Bykov, A. Zograf, and A. Markova.

V. Potin started his teaching career after WW II at a secondary school in Strel'na, where he gave courses in Russian and European history. He began his postgraduate work in 1956 with a dissertation on: *The economic relations of Old Russia on the basis of medieval coin hoards*. In 1959 he was invited to the Numismatic Department of State Hermitage as a curator of European Coins and Medals. His Ph.D. thesis became his well-known work: *Early Russian and European Governments in the 10th-13th centuries*, published in 1968.

Dr V. Potin's vast bibliography comprises more than 200 titles in Russian and foreign publications. His work focuses mainly on monetary history and on coin circulation in Eastern and Western Medieval Europe. He also did a lot of research in archives on the history of numismatic collections, in particular that of the Hermitage Coin Cabinet. His books, his publications of rare coins, of coin hoards and imitations, as well as the recently edited *Sylloge of British Isles, Part I: Anglo-Saxon Coins to 1016*, vol. 50 (Hermitage Coin collection) (Oxford, 1999) are well known

at the international level. Besides his work at the Hermitage, Dr Vsevolod Potin taught Numismatics at the University of Leningrad for more than twenty years. He trained many students from all over Russia, the Baltic States, and Georgia

Dr Vsevolod Potin established himself as a specialist of Medieval Coins. He was the honorary member of the Numismatic Societies of Poland (1970), Nordrhein-Westphalien (1990), St Petersburg (1993), INC, Numismatic Committee of UNESCO (International Committee of historians), elected corresponding member of The American Numismatic Society in New York (1973), Sweden (1975), Finland (1993).

Dr V. Potin was a popular and respected figure at the State Hermitage, and well known to Russian and foreign numismatists. His input in developing numismatics in Russia and his efforts in strengthening international collaboration among scholars and institutions were really remarkable. He was very enthusiastic about his work at the Hermitage and at the University, and he continued working on the Catalogue of the 16-17th centuries Coins of France, and the Coinage of Medieval Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, until his last days.

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### **Selection of principal works**

1959

“Degtansky poklad a cesko-ruske styky v XI stoletii,” *Moravske Numisjaticke Zpravy*. No. 5, 1959.

1960

*Osobennosti pritoka zapadnoevropeiskih denariiev X-XI vv I ih rasprostraneniye na territorii Rusi* (The peculiarities of the influence of European denarii of the 10-11th centuries and their circulation on the territory of Russia)

1961

*Vengerskii monety kladov XI v* (Hungarian Coins from the Hoards of 11th century)  
*Nahodki zapadnoevropeiskih monet X-XII vv na territorii Rusi i drevnerusskie poseleniya* (Finds of eastern European coins of the 10-12th centuries on the territory of Russia and Early Russian city-sites)

*Prichiny prekrashcheniya pritoka zapadnoevropeiskih monet na Rus' v XII veke* (The reasons for the cessation of the influence of medieval European Coins in Russia in the 12th century)

1962-1963

*Klad bracteatorov iz Podnestriv'ya* (Hoard of bracteati from Dnestr region)  
“Seltene Münzen des niederlothringischen und friesischen Raumes aus dem 10-12. Jahrhundert,” *BN*, Heft 17, Hamburg, 1963

1964

*Gollandskii chekan XI v* (The Coinage of the Netherlands in the 11th century)

1965

*Redkii angliyskiye denarii 10-11 vv* (Rare English denarii of the 10-11th centuries)

“Les monnaies françaises et italiennes dans les trouvailles russes,” *Congresso internazionale di numismatica*, Roma 1965

1967

*Topografiya nahodok zapadnoevropeiskih monet X-XIII vv na territorii drevney Rusi* (The topography of finds of medieval European Coins in the 10-13th centuries on the territory of Early Russia)

“Funde deutscher Münzen des 10-17. Jahrhunderts aus dem europäischen Teil der Sowjetunion,” *HBN*, Heft 21 (Hamburg), 1967.

1968

*Drevnyaya Rus' I evropeiskije gosudarstva v X-XIII vv* (Early Russia and European Governments in the 10-13th centuries), 239 pp.

“Monety polskie w zbiorach Ermitazu,” *Biuletyn numizmatyczny*, No. 34, 1968.

1970

*Russko-skandinavskie svyazi po numizmaticheskim dannym (IX-XII)* (Russo-Scandinavian relations on the numismatic evidence of the 9-12th centuries)

1971

*Moneti v pogrebeniyah Drevney Rusi I ih znachenije dlya arheologii I etnografii* (Coins in Early Russian tombs and their importance for archaeology and ethnography)

“Znaleziska monet na obszarze Polski wedlug danych archiwow liningradskich. Cz.II (1890-1913),” *WN*. Rok XV. Zeszyt 4.

1972

“Moneti Vurtzburg v sobranii Gosudarstvennogo Ermitaja (Coins of Würzburg in the State Hermitage),” *Jahrbuch für Numismatik und Geldgeschichte* (München), 1972

1973

“Numismatics of the Middle Ages in the USSR,” *Survey NR. 1966-1971*. Vol. 2, New York 1973.

1974

*Skandinavskie monety na territorii Russkogo gosudarstva i russkiye monety v Skandinavii v XVI-XVII vv* (Scandinavian coins on the territory of Russia and Russian coins in Scandinavian countries in the 16-17th centuries)

1976

*Deutsche Münzen des 10-19. Jahrhunderts in der Sammlung der Staatlichen Ermitage*, Frankfurt am Main, 1976 (Geldgeschichtliche Nachrichten Nr. 56).

*Einführung in die Numismatik westeuropäischer Länder*. Berlin, 1976. 65 pp.

“Systematisierung der Münzfunde und ihrer Bedeutung für die numismatische Forschung,” *Actes du 8ème Congrès International Numismatique*, Paris-Bâle, 1976.

1977

*Talery na territorii Russkogo gosudarstva v XVI-XVII vv* (Talers on the territory of Russian state in 16-17th centuries)

1979

*Zolotye zapadnye moneta na territorii Russkogo gosudarstva XIV-XVII* (European Gold Coins on the territory of the Russian State in the 14-17th centuries)

1981

*The Department of Numismatics, The Hermitage Guide.* 1981

1982

*Moneta v bytu, obychayah i verovaniyah Rusi X-XII vv* (A coin in everyday life, traditions and religion in Russia in the 10-12th centuries)

“Numismatische Chronologie und Dendrochronologie im Licht der Novgoroder Ausgrabungen,” *HBN*, Heft 27-29, 1982.

1984

*Mejdunarodnye svyazi v pamyatnikah numizmatiki. Katalog vystavki.* (Catalogue of the exhibition. International Connections in Numismatic items)

1986

*Vvedeniye v numizmatiku* (Introduction into Numismatics)

“Numismatic Literature: The USSR,” *Survey NR*. London, 1986. (coauth. M. Severova)

1990

*Funde westeuropäischer Denare in Norden der Sowjetunion*, Stockholm, 1990 (Commentationes de nummis saeculorum IX-XI. Sigtuna papers)

1991

“Numismatique russe et occidentale (jusqu’au début du XIXe s. en URSS),” *Survey NR 1985-1990*. Brussel, 1991. V. I. (coauth. M. Severova)

1992

*Arkhangelsk Hoard, Fennonskandia.* 1992. IX. (coauth. E. Nosov etc.)

1993

“Deniers belges dans les trésors russes du XIe siècle,” *Actes du XIe Congrès international de numismatique*. Louvain-la-Neuve, 1993. V.III.

*Über einen neuen Schatzfund westeuropäischer Denare im Norden Russlands, Fernhandel und Geldwirtschaft.* Sigmaringen, 1993.

1994

*West-European Coins. Great Art Treasures of the Hermitage Museum.* St.Petersburg. New York, London, 1994

1996

*Die Salzburger Goldmünzen in der Ermitage, St Petersburg, Tausend Jahre Salzburger Münzrecht.* Salzburg, 1996 (coauth. F. Reiff).

1997

“Der zweite Münzfund von Naginščina. Bestand und Forschungsergebnisse,” *XII*.

*Internationaler Numismatischer Kongress, Vortragszusammenfassungen.* Berlin, 1997

“Russland (Literaturübersicht),” *Survey NR. 1990-1995.* Berlin, 1997 (coauth. M.B. Severova)

1999

*Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles. Vol.50: Hermitage Museum, St.Petersburg. Part I. Anglo-Saxon Coins to 1016,* Oxford, 1999. VIII.

2000

“Der zweite Münzfund von Naginina Bestand und Vorschungsergebnisse,” *XII. Internationaler Numismatischer Kongress.* Berlin, 2000.

2001

*Legendy na zapadnoevropejskih monetah* (The legends of West-European Coins). Kiev, 2001.

“Die Numismatische Abteilung der Staatlichen Ermitage,” *Numismatisches Nachrichtenblatt* (Berlin), 2001

“Lodeinoe Pole,” *Realexicon der Germanischen Altertumskunde*, Bd. 18. Berlin, New York, 2001.

2002

*Minzkabinet v Novom Ermitaje* (Münzkabinett in New Hermitage), Catalogue of the exhibition (coauth. V. Kalinin, etc.)

2003

*Zapadnoevropeyskiye monety iz kollektzii Reichel* (The West-European Coins from the collection of Ya. Reichel), Catalogue of the exhibition of the Reichel Collection. (coauth. Yu. Dukov etc.)

“Imitations of gold Carolingian Coins in the Collection of the Hermitage,” *Polish Numismatic News* (Warsaw), VII, 2003.

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*Izobrajeniya na zapadnoevropeyskyh monetah* (Images on the West-European Coins). Kiev.