



# BLUE SHIELD

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Dear colleagues,

Recently, we received the sad note that Mme. Ludmila Shaposhnikova has passed away on August 24 this year.

We had enjoyed the great pleasure to meet Mme. Shaposhnikova as Director General of the “Museum by name of Nicholas Roerich” on the occasion of the International Conference “75 years of the Roerich Pact” on October 9-11, 2010 in Moscow where she was also bestowed with the “Europa Nostra Award”. The overall conference and in particular the conversation with Mme. Shaposhnikova were a great and lasting experience for us revealing the intellectual orbit of the Roerichs on which cultural property protection in Russia and other parts of the world is based upon to a great extend.

As Blue Shield family we feel great affection for the legacy of Nicholas Roerich and the sustainable efforts by Mme. Shaposhnikova to preserve this legacy for the 21st century and to re-export it to the international community. We will keep her memory and offer you our condolences. We are, nevertheless, convinced that today’s heirs to the legacy of Nicholas Roerich and also Ludmila Shaposhnikova, which are represented by you, are well prepared for facing the future challenges in protecting our common heritage.

Yours sincerely,

Karl von Habsburg-Lothringen, President

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