

PERSONALIA

Irene Marie Steckler

(June 10, 1943 – June 24, 2024)

It is with deep sadness that we heard about the decease of Dr. Irene Marie Steckler, special assistant for Russia and the CIS to Dr. James Billington, former Librarian of Congress, USA.

Irene Steckler gave the substantial part of her professional career to the development of partnership between Russian and U. S. libraries. She rendered her support in RNPLS&T's international scientific and educational programs, organized the seminars for Russian librarians in the U.S. Library of Congress, and meetings with the LC top officers. Many times in 1995-2013, the RNPLS&T's delegations visited the Library of Congress to meet friendly reception and profound professional programs.

Irene M. Steckler was a true friend of the Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology. She delivered her papers at our Crimea Conferences, shared the experience of American libraries in digitalization, international programs and diverse efforts of public libraries. She made her contribution to the book project by Yakov L. Shrayberg "My friend Katya Genieva" by sending her detailed reminiscences of their joint projects and visits to Russia.

Irene M. Steckler, Ph. D. in the Russian language and literature, was an expert in Russian culture. Her Ph. D. thesis was on Joseph Brodsky's works ("The poetic word and the sacred word: Biblical motifs in the poetry of Joseph Brodsky", 1982).

Dr. Irine Steckler will always remain in our memories, and we will always remember her gratefully. The RNPLS&T team, all the colleagues who knew Irene Steckler extend their heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.