

# Preface

This volume is dedicated to the prominent mathematician and leading expert on probability theory and mathematical statistics Yuri Vasilyevich Prokhorov, who celebrated his 80-th birthday on 15 December 2009.

It consists of two parts. The first one contains papers written by his colleagues, friends and pupils who express their deep respect and sincerely love to him and his scientific activity.

The second part contains two interviews with Yu.V. Prokhorov. The first interview was taken by Friedrich Götze and Willem R. van Zwet between November 13 and 28, 2006 at Bielefeld University.

We decided to reproduce also the interview taken by Larry Shepp and published in *Statistical Science* 7 (1992), 123–130.

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