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It was with great sadness that I learnt about the sudden death of Yakov. The first time we both met was in 1995, on the occasion of a conference on “Empirical Processes: Theory and Applications”, which took place at the Mathematical Research Institute Oberwolfach (22 October – 28 October 1995). It was the year when Yakov's ground-breaking book on Asymptotic efficiency of Nonparametric Tests was published. During that conference, we both had the idea of doing some joint research in the field of goodness-of-fit, and we started to work on tests based on the integrated empirical distribution function. Yakov visited our Institute at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (formerly University of Karlsruhe) several times. The first visit was in 1997, and that visit resulted in our first out of four joint published papers. I remember Yakov as a pleasant, highly cultured person with a broad education, not only in mathematics and languages. I will always keep him in honored memory.