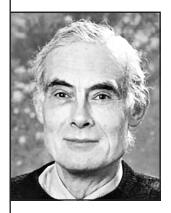
MEMORIAM

Professor David Turnock

[1939-2011]



On Tusday 10th May 2011, Geographica Pannonica lost good friend and reliable Editorial Board member and Reviewer after a road accident on the A47 in Rutland, UK, which happened just after 10pm on Sunday 8th May.

Professor Turnock worked at the University of Leicester, Department of Geography from 1969 until his retirement in 2003. After that he was proclaimed as Emeritus Professor. He was an expert on the geography of Eastern Europe, particularly Romania. He wrote more than 20 books and hundreds of articles and was awarded the Royal Geographical Society's Edward Heath Award for contributions to European understanding in 1989.

His main research interest was in post-socialist countries, especially those in Eastern Europe. Current projects were mainly concerned with rural aspects of transition, particularly in the Carpathians but he was also working on the historical geography of Eastern Europe especially the nineteenth century. The teaching of the geography of Eastern Europe was an important interest and in addition to developing the 'Europe: East and West' module at Leicester he was coordinating the production of textbooks on 'Environmental Problems in Eastern Europe' (with F.W. Carter) for Routledge and a 'Geography of the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe' for Arnold. He was also working on an updated 'Human Geography of Eastern Europe' for Routledge. Other research interests include rural change in Scotland and the historical geography of railways in Britain. Both these preoccupations are linked with book publishing and with curriculum development relating to 'British Isles' and 'Advanced Historical Geography' modules. The philosophy of geography was a further curriculum development interest involving the organisation of a seminar programme and the annual updating of a 'Concise Philosophy of Geography'.

Prof Turnock was also an enthusiastic member of Leicester Caledonian Society, promoting Scottish culture.

Professor Turnock was a Member of Geographica Pannonica Editorial Board from beginning in 1997 and published several articles related with geographical issues in Romania.

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