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IN MEMORIAM

Huw Idwal Griffiths
(1958 – 2002)

Huw at the ESF Balkan Biodiversity Workshop, Koper, September 2001

This volume has become a memorial to our ebullient and gifted first editor, Dr. Huw I Griffiths, who died at the age of 44 in 2002. In his own words, he regarded the meeting which gave rise to this collection of papers as a ‘testimony to his life’s work’. The diversity and productivity of his short career was enormous, and we know he will not be forgotten.

David Watts and Alexei Kornushin

Sadly, we would also like to pay tribute to two other contributors who have passed away since the ESF Workshop. The respected biogeographer, Dr. David Watts, was a good friend and colleague of Huw in Hull and died at the age of 68 in 2003. Dr Alexei Kornushin, a young molluscan expert with a growing international reputation, passed away suddenly early in 2004.

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