



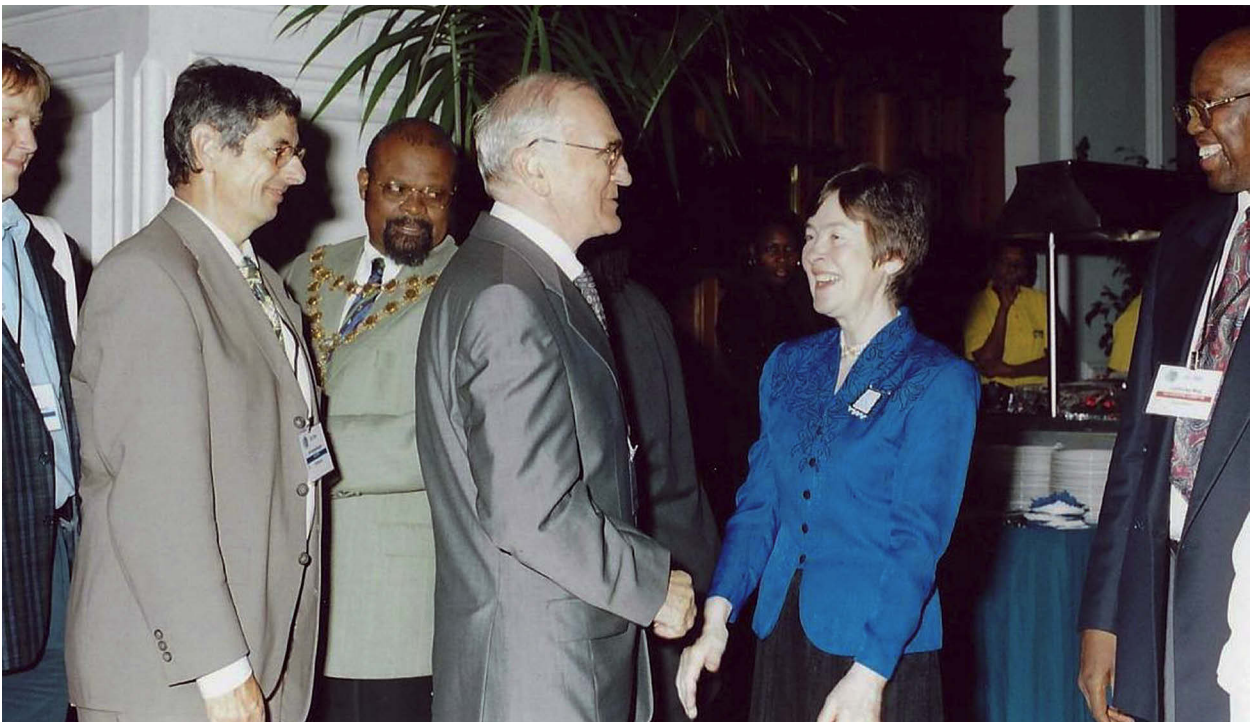
Zbyszko Chojnicki

1928–2015

5 June 2015 was the day on which Professor **Zbyszko Chojnicki** passed away at the age of 87. One of the most eminent Polish geographers and co-editor (with Stefan Kozarski) of *Quaestiones Geographicae* in the years 1974–1981, he was a recognised authority on the theory and methodology of geography as well as methods in spatial and regional analysis. For many years he was director of the Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, as well as president of the Committee on Geographical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He was known on the world forum as head of the Polish National Committee of the International Geographical Union and as the author of papers given at many prestigious international conferences. Some of his English-language articles have appeared in *Quaestiones Geographicae*. The death of Prof. Zbyszko Chojnicki is a great loss to Polish and world geography.

On behalf of the Editorial Board of *Quaestiones Geographicae*,
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Prof. Zbyszko Chojnicki in conversation with Prof. Anne Buttimer at the 2002 Regional Conference of the International Geographical Union in Durban



Atsuhiko Takeuchi

1935–2015

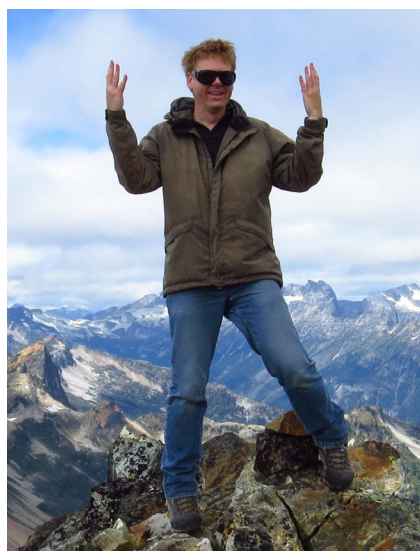
19 June 2015 saw the death of Professor **Atsuhiko Takeuchi**, aged 80, a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Quaestiones Geographicae*. He was an eminent Japanese economic geographer working in the Nippon Institute of Technology. For many years he was Full Member of industrial commissions of the International Geographical Union; he was also awarded honorary membership of the Association of Japanese Geographers. In 2012 he published a book in Japanese, *Swinging World*, with reminiscences of the most crucial stages of his colourful academic and social life. In 2014 there appeared the latest edition of his major book (co-authored by H. Oda), *Economic geography of Japan*.

The Editorial Board of *Quaestiones Geographicae* shares the grief of Japanese geographers and the family of the Deceased. We would like to express our gratitude for his constant contact with our journal, his reviews of articles, and great advisory input.

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Edward Earl

1964–2015

Edward Earl, 51, died tragically in the Jago River, in the Brooks Range of northern Alaska, on June 19, 2015. He was born in New York City in 1964, the son of scientists. He earned his Ph.D. in Computational Chemistry from the University of Utah, and wrote software to predict the shapes of molecules to assist pharmaceutical research. A relentless highpointer, he climbed the highest peaks in many of the states and counties of the western US, in addition to Mt. McKinley, Aconcagua, and Mount Meru, among thousands of others. In addition, he was an accomplished violinist, playing in several local orchestras. He was one of the leaders in developing and popularizing the theory of topographic prominence, an alternate measure of mountain significance, in addition to the work published in this volume.

Sandra Arlinghaus
Guest Editor of the present volume