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“Dedicated to the geographer Wolf Tietze in respect and gratitude”

Editor's preface

The volume in hand is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Wolf Tietze, who passed away on November 1st, 2009, in Helmstedt (Germany). Dr. Tietze founded GeoJournal in the year 1977 and had published it for nearly 20 years.

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Despite being handicapped by a serious war injury and always walking with two crutches, Wolf Tietze was a brilliant speaker and lecturer as well as a very stimulating discussion partner. He unremittingly sought to build up contacts to potential and also younger authors of the subject of geography across the full range. This happened at small and large international congresses everywhere in Europe, as well as on other continents, in Russia, Japan, in USA and in Canada - always together with his wife, on whose presence he was so dependent. Wolf Tietze's scientific contacts were extraordinarily many-sided and thematically far-reaching. I have come to know and esteem him as the most important German geographer, mainly where the promotion of new empirical findings and approaches as well as ideas for established international publications were concerned. The global promotion of research in all fields of scientific geography have been - as Wolf Tietze has explained to me with great enthusiasm on many meetings down to the last details - his aim in life. With the uncompromising dedication that was typical of him, he pursued this aim up to his ninth decade of life. Apart from numerous other printed books also handbooks like Westermann Lexikon der Geographie (5 volumen) and GeoJournal owe their foundation to him and the establishment due to the editorial work over so many years for the later.

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