
Obituary Professor Krzysztof Birkenmajer

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Dear Jacek and Polish friends,

Thank you for writing me, I am very sad for this news. It is a great loss for the entire international polar community. Our colleague and friend Krzysztof Birkenmajer was a tireless worker and has made an important contribution to the geological knowledge in Svalbard and Antarctica. What I know better is his work in the Antarctic Peninsula region, which I have used and cited many times, and which continue to be of great value.

I had the good fortune to meet Krzysztof since I began to have a relationship with Antarctica and with SCAR on early 1990s. My last e-mail communications with him were at the end of 2017 and early 2018, after my participation in the conference "Interdisciplinary Polar Studies in Poland", held in Warsaw on November, in which I met his son.

I always admired Krzysztof's dedication and enormous capacity for work. I was also able to appreciate his contribution to SCAR and I will recommend that he is remembered there as he deserves.

I regret that I can not be present at the funeral ceremony in Krakow and I beg you to convey my sincere regret to his family and to the Polish colleagues and friends.

Many thanks and best regards,

Jeronimo Lopez-Martinez

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