

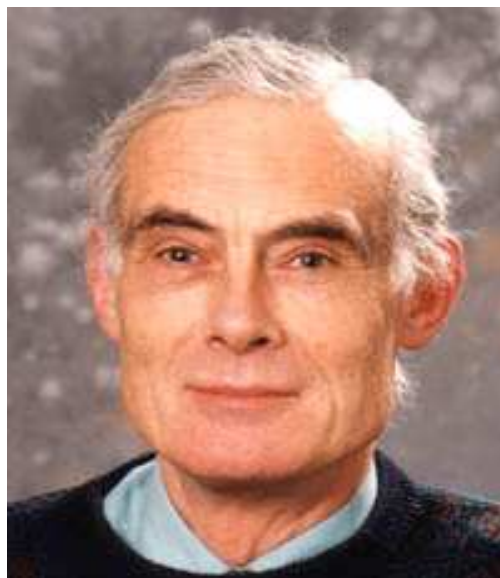
IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR DR. DAVID TURNOCK

Remarkable geographical personality in the UK, **PROFESSOR DAVID TURNOCK** was for many decades a reliable friend for the romanian geographers across the country.

Among contemporary geographers interested in romanian places, but also interested in all Eastern Europe, Professor David Turnock was noted with most numerous studies in the field of human geography.

His first contact with Romania's territory and its realities was in 1967. Since then, he had annual direct contacts with romanian geographers from Timișoara, Cluj Napoca, Iași, Bucuresti Universities and from 2007, with geographers from Oradea University. With plenty of friendly participation helped young romanian geographers accessing prestigious universities from United Kingdom.



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In his numerous studies related to Romania he had many Romanian collaborators but with modesty, even if his contribution within the paper was consistent, he accepted to appear as a second or even as a third author, because, he kept discreet to highlight the Romania authors.

The scientific record related to Romania is outstanding: 43 printed volumes and over 200 scientific papers and the areas over which he scientifically insisted were Banatului Mountains, Southern Carpathians, Vrancei Subcarpathians, and Central Muntenia but there are not the only ones. The papers of the outstanding professor are distinguished by the numerous romanian geographical references (an other discreet way to promote the research results of romanian geographers)

Because of his special relation with romanian geography, in the year 2000, he was granted with the „*Doctor Honoris Causa*” title of „West University” from Timisoara and in 2009 he was also granted with the same academic title by „Al. I. Cuza” University from Iasi.

As far as concerning the relation with geographers from Oradea we can only regret that it started late (in 2007) and it was short because the tragic event which ended the life of Professor David Turnock. This relation has resulted in publication of three scientific papers and one review within the pages of „Annals of University of Oradea, Geography Series”:

- in 2009 - *Settlement and toponomy in the Pătârlagele Depression: the Buzău valley settlements between Valea Lupului and Poienile de Jos. Part one: settlement history* (authors: N. Muică, D. Turnock) and the review of the book „*Nădrag commune. Between the power of history and geographic destiny*” published in 2008 (authors: Ribana Linc, Andru Getvan, Nelu Balaș și Tudor Balaș);

- in 2010 - *Settlement and toponomy in the Pătârlagele Depression: the Buzău valley settlements between Valea Lupului and Poienile de Jos. Part two: the placenames* (authors: N. Muică, D. Turnock);

- in 2011 - *Passenger services on the Romanian railway network in the post-communist era* (author: D. Turnock)

Also, from spring 2011, he honoured us by accepting to be member of the Scientific Committee of the „Annals of University of Oradea, Geography Series”. There were other projects with geographers from the University of Oradea which we hope will be finished in his memory.

Sincerely, the geographers from Oradea worship in the memory of the late scientist and friend of Romanians, **PROFESSOR DR. DAVID TURNOCK**.

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Laudatio pentru Domnul Profesor David Turnock cu ocazia acordării titlului de „Doctor Honoris Causa” al Universității „Al. I. Cuza” din Iași, 26 martie 2009, Iași.