



IN MEMORIAM

Milan Orožen Adamič (1946–2018)

On May 15th 2018 the sad news was announced that Milan Orožen Adamič, our dear colleague at the Anton Melik Geographical Institute, had passed away after a lengthy illness.

Milan was born in Ljubljana where he attended primary and secondary school. He finished his diploma degree in geography and biology in 1971. In 1974 he began work at the Anton Melik Geographical Institute ZRC SAZU. He defended his Ph. D. in 1994. In addition to his research work he was a university lecturer at different faculties.

His main research fields were natural hazards and geographical names. In 1995 he became president of the Slovenian governmental commission for the standardization of geographical names and as a delegate started to represent Slovenia in UNGEKN. In 2002 he was named first convenor of

the newly established Working Group on Exonyms (WGE) and later became its co-convenor together with Austrian colleague Peter Jordan. In 2005 he organized a meeting of the WGE, held in Ljubljana. He also chaired the UNGEKN East Central and South-East Europe division in two mandates, 1998–2002 and 2012–2017. He was also a member of the Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers.

Milan was very active in numerous other fields of work. His hobbies were photography, environmental protection, speleology, scuba-diving and beekeeping. From 2005 to 2009 he served as Slovenian ambassador in neighbouring Croatia. He was also president of the national UNESCO commission and a member of UNESCO's executive council in Paris (2005–2010).

Our distinguished colleague Milan will stay in our memories forever. We shall miss his motivational ability, his strong interest in research innovations, and last but not least his broad smile.

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Matjaž Geršič & Drago Kladnik (Anton Melik Geographical Institute ZRC SAZU), together with Paul Woodman: May 19th 2018