

## Bjørn Bølviken – Honoured by members of the WEGS Working Group

Also at the Darnley Symposium, members of the Western European Geological Surveys Working Group on ‘*Regional Geochemical Mapping*’ (active from 1986 to 1993) presented Professor Bølviken with a framed document signed at their last meeting in Hannover on the 1st July 1993. The dedication was: “*Bølviken’s Regional Geochemical Mapping of Western Europe towards the Year 2000: A very important project ahead of its time. Conceived by a person with extreme foresight and supported by Europeans with different cultures, proving that European unity could be realised as long as people meet and discuss matters openly and with integrity. Thank you for bringing us together and hope that we meet again to complete the ‘dream’*”. The ‘dream’ was in fact completed in 2006 with the publication of the 2nd volume of the Geochemical Atlas of Europe. Therefore, with this important acknowledgement of Professor Bølviken’s contribution, a significant chapter of European geochemistry was concluded. The recognition was indeed timely, because Professor Bjørn Bølviken passed away on the 19th January 2009 at the age of 81.



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