

## Editorial and tribute to Prof. Martin J. Haigh

As a member of the editorial board since its inception, Prof. Martin Haigh had been a "family" member of AJWEP. Very much academically oriented, he was always sympathetic to the aspirations of students and researchers from Asia, particularly from South Asia. His comments on several manuscripts, that were marked to him from time to time, were evaluated not only on their academic merits but also on the logistics of field work in Asia under difficult situation particularly in the Himalayan region. A well meaning expert on physical geography, he had travelled widely in south Asia besides other parts of the world and handled several research projects dealing with land and soil degradation and restoration of coal mines besides a host of other topics in science and social sciences. Even after retirement from teaching at Oxford Brookes University, he was very academically active and brought out some edited books as well. With the waning of pandemic, he would have loved to hit the road again but for his untimely passing away in February, 2022. He had in fact circulated to the editor-in-chief and a few of his academic contacts a gist of his lifelong contribution to building our knowledge base. On behalf of the editorial board and on my own personal behalf as well as on behalf of the Publisher of the journal AJWEP, an expression of sorrow is being recorded in print now for the future readers of the journal.



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Snapshot 1



In this drone image taken in May 2020, drought dries out spruces in Germany's Harz mountain region. For the past several summers, there has been only a small fraction of rainfall compared with normal conditions, stressing forests across Germany, and making them more susceptible to pests.

Snapshot 2



A fisherman in a rubber boat is surrounded by rotting cyanobacteria in the Kyiv Water Reservoir near Kyiv, Ukraine, on November 15, 2020 (before the ongoing war).

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