

Obituary - Angela Manderscheid



Dr. Angela Manderscheid passed away on December 11th, 2003. Angela was a true scientist, who was very deeply devoted to her research on Tibetan nomads. She received her Staatsexamen (M.Sc.) from the Teachers' College in Bonn in 1980 and her Ph.D. from the Free University of Berlin in 1998. The title of Angela's doctoral dissertation was "Lebens- und Wirtschaftsformen von Nomaden im Osten des Tibetischen Hochlandes". Since 1995 she was doing research in the Department of Geography of the University of Oulu, Finland. Angela made many research trips to the nomadic regions on the eastern Tibetan plateau. The last trip took place in November 2002, just a few days before her terminal illness was diagnosed. In 2000-2002, she was the coordinator and senior researcher in the project "Ecological Carrying Capacity of Natural Pastures: A Case Study on the Tibetan Plateau" funded by the Academy of Finland. With this project she also wanted to promote collaboration between researchers specialized in Tibet and Lapland, respectively. This interest led to the successful joint workshop organized in Oulu in June 2002. May this special issue serve as a tribute to her significant scientific work and her interests in bringing together knowledge from both Tibet and Fennoscandia.

Matti Pietikäinen

Alfred Colpaert

Angela's husband

Co-chair of the workshop