

## IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY

Andre van Cauwenberghe is no longer with us. He created the CIELT in 1989 as a follow up to the hastily organised international congress in Paris after the publication of a damaging article in Nature on radiocarbon dating .Henceforth,for a number of years, he devoted all his energy to the CIELT

Thanks to him, several congresses were able to be held, after the Paris one, regrouping all the elements of the international sindologic community,namely in Rome 1993, Nice 1997, and again Paris 2002. In Nice, an American sindologist exclaimed enthousiastically, "The CIELT is the only group of sindologists able of organising successfully such reunions"

Thanks to Andre van Cauwenberghe the CIELT assumed the role of a truly international scientific society, casting a bridge between the Centro of Sindologia in Turin and anglo-saxon societies such as STURP and other groups which emerged subsequently.

Andre van Cauwenberghe was a real catalyst of the necessary confrontation of ideas in science. To a rigourous scientific discipline, a heritage of his training as a chemist, he allied great human qualities, notably an unfailing courtesy that was his hallmark in the general public reunions and scientific congresses. It is up to his successors to continue his work in the same frame of mind,

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