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PREFACE AND DEDICATION

This issue of the *Journal of Geological Sciences – Anthropozoic* summarises some results of the Research & Development project 1D/1/7/05 ‘Palaeogeographical, palaeoclimatological and geochronological reconstruction of the continental glaciation in Czechia’ investigated by the Czech Geological Survey. The whole volume was carefully edited by Jaroslav Tyráček, who was the journal’s scientific editor for a quarter of a century. Unfortunately, Jaroslav Tyráček died following a long illness on 1 December 2010.

His outstanding knowledge in the field of Quaternary Science was well known, not only in the Czech Republic, but throughout the world. He was an active collaborator in numerous IGCP programmes and his contributions on fluvial terrace-staircase evolution and history from the Bohemian Massif, Middle East or Caribbean are highly cited worldwide. Although he formally retired from the Survey nearly two decades ago, he remained constantly active, recently presenting general summaries of both the fluvial record and continental glaciations of the Czech territory. Indeed, he was very active until the end of his days, working on different Quaternary Science topics. Unfortunately, he was unable to finish all his projects in the time he had left. However, two of his last papers, presented in this volume, clarify a longstanding problem of the Czech Quaternary stratigraphy in the marginal part of the glaciated area, in the Moravian Gate.

The editors would like to dedicate this issue of the *Journal of Geological Sciences – Anthropozoic* to the memory of our colleague Jaroslav Tyráček as a small gesture to mark his substantial lifetime’s contribution to the Czech Quaternary community, not only as the journal’s Scientific Editor (1984–2010), but the Secretary (1962–1994) and President of the Czech INQUA Committee (1994–2010). His enthusiasm, charm and willingness to transfer his enormous knowledge of more than 55 years of research in the Quaternary field to numerous colleagues and students, is a great loss to our community and to European Quaternary researchers, in general. He will be sorely missed by all.

On behalf of all his colleagues, we wish to express our warmest gratitude to Jaroslav Tyráček for allowing us the opportunity to spend our time in his inspiring and stimulating company.

Daniel Nývlt



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