It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Peter Belton on Monday April 1, 2019.

Peter joined the Department in 1967 as one of the founding faculty of the Master of Pest Management Program. Peter started his academic Career in the UK. He received an ARCS from Imperial College, BSc (Honours) London, PhD University of Glasgow.

After the completion of his PhD He was employed as an Experimental officer, British Ministry of Food and followed that with two years in the RAF. In 1957 he returned to the University of Glasgow as an Assistant Professor. In 1960, Peter moved to Columbia University as a Research Fellow in Neurology. In 1964 he moved to the Agriculture Canada Research Station in Belleville, Ontario where he was a Research Scientist and Group Leader until his move to SFU.

Peter's research focused on the sensory physiology of biting flies, particularly mosquitoes, and the bioacoustics of insects. Peter was the foremost expert on mosquitoes in BC and published the book "Mosquitoes of British Columbia" in 1983. Although Peter retired in 1994, he was still actively publishing his work in 2018 and was discussing a new collaboration with Dan Peach last month.

Peter taught a number of courses at SFU: BISCOO3 Ecology and the Population Explosion, BISCI01 General Biology, BISE 201 Cell Biology, BISOOO Evolution,
BISc 305 Animal Physiology, BISC601 Urban and Industrial Pest Management, and BIS(845 Physical Controls.
He will be missed by his colleagues at SFU and the entomological community of BC and Canada. Peter and his wife Elspeth were both very active in the Entomological Society of BC and were volunteering as the Editor Emeritus until Peter's passing.