Dr. Robert C. Brooke.

Robert C. Brooke died at the Royal Columbian Hospital on 2 March, 2014 following a heart attack early last week. He was a founding member of the Department of Biological Sciences, and researched and lectured on the ecophysiology of plants. His academic training at the University of British Columbia and Yale University gave him a unique grasp of plant ecology, especially of alpine zones where he did much of his early research. He was renowned among the students, and by those faculty that joined him, for his field trips with the BISC 404 class to the Rockies. They were an instructive, enjoyable and highly memorable experience for those that participated. He served as Chair of the Departmental Graduate Studies Committee for many years. He was a former member of the British Columbia Ecological Reserves Committee and on the Advisory Committee to the Minister on the Establishment and Administration of Ecological Reserves in BC as well as on a committee on rare, endangered and threatened plants in BC. His low key personality, gentle but firm stance on academic points and his perceptive views on evolving events will be greatly missed by those who knew him.