



After **Dick Taylor** (1995) and **Knut Schmidt-Nielsen** (2007), two more of the driving forces in comparative physiology have now been lost.

Liana Bolis



It is with great sorrow that we must inform you that an old friend of the IUPS, Liana Bolis, passed away on the night of January 12, 2009, as was learned from her son Pierre Magistretti, Vice President of IUPS. Liana has not been in good health for the last few years, but she died peacefully and without suffering in her beloved mountains near Crans and Chermignon where the participants at her Conferences on Comparative Physiology have been her guests so often. She was for a very long time the Secretary General to the Interunion Commission on Comparative Physiology (ICCP).

Liana will be remembered as a wonderful, energetic, charming and most generous friend and colleague. Her impact on communication in comparative physiology through her many conferences, beginning with the one in Acquasparta in 1971 and then the memorable sequence of ICCP conferences mostly in Crans, was extraordinary. Ewald Weibel has given tribute to her in his reminiscences on these conferences at the Cambridge JEB meeting in 2005. A memorial service took place Saturday January 17 in Crans, Switzerland.

Pierre Dejours



We are saddened to also report that Pierre Dejours has passed away on Saturday January 10, 2009, in Paris.

Pierre was a most influential comparative physiologist and an active member of the ICCP committee that organized the comparative physiology meetings. He also was a member of the IUPS Council from 1971-1980. As Editor of *Respiration Physiology* he particularly supported comparative research in respiration, and with his imagination and generosity he was also open for new approaches in research and publication. We must be very grateful to him for all his achievements.

Attached is a picture of Pierre Dejours, with Dick Taylor in the background, from one of the Crans meetings. Yvon LeMaho, his long-time colleague and friend in Strasbourg, has informed us that Pierre had gone through very difficult health problems in recent years. His daughter Catherine attended to him as much as she could.

Their memories will help to be maintained by the "Knut Schmidt-Nielsen Lecture on Comparative and Evolutionary Physiology" which is presented at the IUPS International Congresses and is a result of funds provided by ICCP.

by Ewald Weibel