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Dr. Hans Rudolf Katz 1923-1991

Am 23. Juni 1991 ist unser Kollege HANSRUEDI KATZ nach kurzer, schwerer Krankheit in Neu Seeland gestorben.

Hansruedi war ein begeisterter, aktiver und ideenreicher Geologe, sein Spezialgebiet wurde die (Petroleum-) Geologie des SW-Pazifischen Raumes.

Sein Studium in Zürich schloss er mit einer Dissertation über die Geologie von Strindbergs Land in Nordost Grönland ab, ein Gebiet welches er 1948-1950 als Mitglied der Dänischen Ost Grönland Expeditionen unter Dr. L KOCH kartiert hatte (Ueberwinterung 1948/49).

Es folgte 1951, in Zusammenarbeit mit den Expeditions Polaires Françaises (P.E.VICTOR), die Kartierung der Nunatakzone ca. 74° N bevor er Grönland verliess um 1952 bei Shell als Geophysiker/Geologe einzutreten.

Hansruedi stammte aus einer Bergsteigerfamilie und sein frühes Alpintraining, privat und als Offizier, kam ihm bei der strapazenreichen Feldarbeit der «prä-helikopter Zeit» in Grönland sehr zu statten; besonders da er in seiner Planung von sich höchste physische Leistung erwartete und oft an der Grenze des Möglichen arbeitete.

Nach einer Einführung bei Shell in Den Haag in die Geophysik und Petroleumgeologie wurde Hansruedi 1952 nach Nigeria versetzt. Dort kartierte er als Geophysiker u.a. die Oloibiri Struktur, das erste kommerzielle Oelfeld des Niger Deltas.

Von Nigeria ging es nach Peru, wo er als Feldgeologe im Madre de Dios Gebiet erneut grossen Strapazen ausgesetzt war.

1956 trat Hansruedi bei Shell aus und arbeitete bis 1958 als Petroleumgeologe bei einem Peruvianisch/Deutschen Konsortium in Peru.

1958 erfolgte ein Stellenwechsel nach Chile. Mit Basis Punta Arenas wirkte er bei der Empresa Nacional del Petroleo als «Instructor» und Field Party Supervisor in Feuerland und Patagonien bevor er Koordinator für die Petroleum Prospektion im Central Valley wurde.

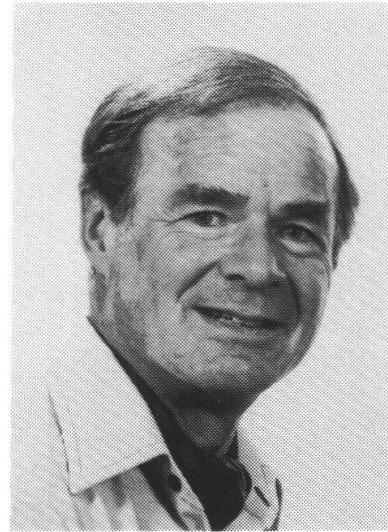
1967 übersiedelte Hansruedi nach Neu Seeland, das ihm zur zweiten Heimat werden sollte und dessen Staatsbürgerschaft er auch erwarb.

1967-1983 war er Chief Petroleum Geologist bei der Regierung und legte während dieser Zeit den Grundstein zu seiner Kenntnis der Geologie im SW Pazifik. Ausser Neu Seeland bearbeitete er auch Tonga, verschiedene pazifische Inseln, Papua New Guinea, die Neuen Hebriden und Teile der Antarktis.

Ab 1983 betätigte Hansruedi sich als Consultant und festigte seinen Ruf als international anerkannter Experte für die Geologie des SW Pazifischen Raumes.

HANSRUEDI KATZ ist der Verfasser von über 80 Publikationen in welchen seine Beobachtungen und Interpretationen festgehalten sind.

Wir werden Hansruedi und seine oft stürmisch, aber immer humorvoll vertretenen Ideen vermissen.



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