



## *In memoriam* – Hans G. Trüper (1936–2016)

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Hans Georg Trüper, a member of the editorial board of IJSB/IJSEM from 1990 to 2008, including a brief period as editor-in-chief in 2002, passed away on 9 March 2016 at the age of 79.

After Hans Trüper had been elected a Life Member of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes in Istanbul in 2008, a detailed account of his many contributions and achievements was published in the IJSEM [Kämpfer, P. & Tindall, B. J. (2009). Hans Georg Trüper, Life Member of the ICSP – an appreciation. *Int J Syst Evol Microbiol* 59, 647–648]. Rather than repeating all the information given in that beautiful summary I want to add my personal thanks for all I have learned from Hans since I first met him at a conference on halophilic micro-organisms in 1985. During the years we had many discussions on the taxonomy of prokaryotes, on sulfur metabolism in anoxygenic

phototrophs, on the mechanisms of salt adaptation in the microbial world, on the International Code of Nomenclature of Prokaryotes, on the importance of type strains in taxonomy, on the nomenclatural status of the Cyanobacteria, on Latin and Neo-Latin, and last but not least on the ways newly described micro-organisms are named. After his retirement as a scientist Hans remained active as a nomenclature reviewer for the IJSEM until about 3 years ago. But also later he gladly gave advice to prospective authors on how to name new genera and species. The current nomenclature review team has consulted him many times in recent years to solve complex nomenclature issues, and we always followed his wise counsel. The editors and the publisher of the IJSEM will always remember Hans Trüper's great contributions to the journal and to prokaryote taxonomy and nomenclature.

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