



Jan Wibe 1938 – 2015

It is with sadness that we received the message that Jan Wibe unexpectedly passed away on 3 December 2015, almost 77 years old. Jan Wibe was a dedicated member of IFIP for more than 30 years and he contributed greatly to a number of events and initiatives. By profession Jan Wibe was a secondary school teacher before he joined NTNU (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) where he was Associate Professor within the department of further education. He also played a central role in establishing NKUL, Norwegian conference of education and learning, focusing on informatics and ICT. Distance education and Lifelong education were of particular interest to Jan Wibe.

Jan joined IFIP in 1983, as a member of WG 3.1. (Informatics and ICT in Secondary Education). He also participated in other IFIP working groups: WG 3.3 (Research on Education applications of IT), WG 3.6 (Distance Education), WG 3.8 (Lifelong Learning) and SIG 3.9 (Digital Literacy). He was the chairman of WG 3.6 (1995-1999).

Jan Wibe represented Norway in TC3 over a decade and from 2003 to 2009 he chaired TC3 in an excellent way, renewing the management of the TC in a more collaborative way and so that the national representatives could be more active in the committee. He then became the representative of Norway in the general assembly of IFIP (2009 – 2015), and was very active in the IFIP standing committees: member of AMB (Activity Management Board), member of PC (Publications Committee), councillor and chairman of the Finance Committee.

Jan Wibe was awarded with the Outstanding Service Award (1991) and the Silver Core (1998).

All who had the pleasure of working with Jan Wibe will remember his kind and humorous way of approaching and dealing with people and challenges. He could be direct but with a sense of diplomacy, informal but still not neglecting the rules of conduct. He was always very calm and patient (even if you could sometimes feel that he was upset!). Most of us met him all around the world in so many IFIP events, which we can remember thanks to the thousands of photos he took! His wife Marie was often accompanying him. We shared good meals and good wines, we were listening to him when he commented ski competitions! In his particular way, he approached all people with respect, building a strong network of friends and colleagues across the world. We will all miss the gentleman without tie but often with rucksack and a smile for everybody.

Sindre Røsvik

TC3 chair and Norwegian representative to IFIP

Bernard Cornu

Former TC3 chair and French representative to IFIP