ANNICK PUJOS

Annick Pujos died of cancer on July 31, 1992. Though she informed me of her illness a few years ago, It was with shock that I received the sad news. So great was her courage and love for her research that she kept on working till the final week of her life, as shown from the mail I received from her after she passed away. Her determination not to give up in front of this terrible disease was evident from her enthusiastic plans for future research projects and prospective collaborations. Never did I hear Annick complaining about her physical state, nor did she mention her illness as an explanation for any short drops in her otherwise great activity. She hid her physical pain behind an unfailing good humour, and a great pride.

Annick Pujos accomplished her career entirely at the University of Bordeaux. After submitting her doctoral thesis, she entered the Dept of Geology in 1966 as a benthonic foraminifera-specialist, but quickly orientated her work toward nannofossils. Among her achievements are her works on the biostratigraphical value of the various morphotypes of *Gephyrocapsa*, her input to the scientific results of DSDP Legs 80 and 85, and the use of the transfer function technique on nannofossil census-counts for paleoceanographical reconstruction. In her latest works she looked at the spatio-temporal distribution of some (Quaternary coccoliths, and applied a new transfer function on Plio-Pleistocene nannofossils from the northwestern margin of tropical Africa. I am very proud that I was given the chance to work at her side for the last five years. I will deeply miss her.

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