

Obituary

Prof. Huang Peihua

Peihua Huang, Professor of Geography at the University of Science and Technology of China, died at the age of 67 in an accident on 27th February 1999.

Prof. Huang was born on October 1931 and graduated at the Geographic Department of Nanjing University in 1952 and in 1959 as a postgraduate student. He specialized in teaching and research work on the Quaternary Environment and Chronology, seismo-geology and geodynamics. He queried the validity of Professor Li Siguang's book "The Ice-Age of Lushan Mountain". In the 1960's he developed a number of thorough research projects on the characteristics of the evolution of the Quaternary Environment of China. In the beginning of 1980's he developed a program to study mantle convection and the stress patterns under the lithosphere. He was the first to introduce the new dating technique of electron spin resonance (ESR) in China. He and his research group established and developed ESR research and in 1989 he determined the burial age of the first skull of Peking Man. This attracted scientific attention worldwide.

Professor Peihua Huang's research work was internationally acknowledged. He developed collaboration with scholars in Japan, America, Canada, Germany, Australia, France etc. He traveled repeatedly to these countries and received many international colleagues for research exchange in Hefei. He attended many international conferences and exchanged his ideas with the leading scholars. Professor Huang made decisive contributions to our understanding of the Quaternary Environment and Chronology.

Professor Huang was a strict, sincere and generous man. His death causes grief among colleagues, students, relatives and friends at home and abroad. His death is a great loss to the field of geology science and he will be thoroughly missed.

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