

Bernhard Schalbetter

On Christmas Eve our fraternity lost a very fine man indeed. It is with great sadness that I have to tell you of the death of Bernhard Schalbetter following a long and arduous fight with cancer. He was 71.

Bernhard's dedication to fellow enthusiasts went far beyond the Montreal Register Europa. He worked tirelessly through personal contact and numerous Montreal meetings to bring pleasure to Alfisti from many countries and was always ready to help anyone in need of advice or assistance. He was a person of optimistic spirit, full of courage, enthusiasm, philosophy and good humour.

But Bernhard was a quiet-spoken man of great modesty. He put his considerable experience and knowledge at the service of others without reserve and he will be sadly missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know him personally.

On the voyage of life it can happen that we share part of the route with a fellow traveller who broadens our horizons, shares our joys and pain, lightens our burdens and enriches our experiences. Bernhard was such a man and he will never be forgotten by those who knew him.

Our hearts go out to his wife Delia, to his two sons and their families.

Bruce Taylor

Geneva, Christmas Day, 2001.