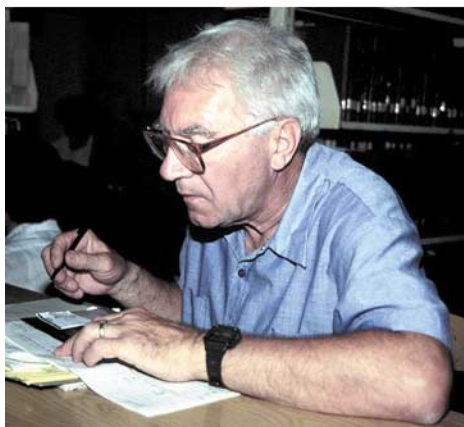


EDITORIAL

This issue of *Quaternary Research* includes a special collection of papers arising from the “EEMFEST,” a symposium held at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University in October 1999 to celebrate the lifetime achievements of George Kukla. The participants included more than two dozen well-known Quaternary scientists who came prepared (1) to celebrate and honor George Kukla and (2) to discuss and debate one of George’s career-long interests—the last (Eemian) interglaciation. The lead paper in this collection presents an overview of the main themes and conclusions of the meeting and has the longest author list yet to appear in this journal. There follows a series of Short Papers that present aspects of the Eemian from a range of scientific viewpoints.

George Kukla ably assisted the Editors in assembling and editing this collection of papers and is appropriately listed as Guest Editor. Like the organizers and participants of the Eemfest, we take great pleasure in celebrating this frequent contributor to *Quaternary Research* and applauding his long and distinguished career in Quaternary science.

The Editors



Clockwise from top left: George Kukla in the eastern Cascade Range (1975), crossing a Himalayan river in Kashmir (1982), checking field notes in Xi'an (1994), and lecturing to a group of interested students in Yulin (1994). (Photographs from the collection of Stephen C. Porter.)