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In Memory,

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Good bye Tim,

During near 20 years we have shared the Subcommittee on Triassic Stratigraphy (STS) adventures, meetings and field workshops. From 1973 in Vienna where I first met you during the “Triassic of the Tethys realm” conference, you were our Master.

Later, I met you again at the Bergamo Triassic meeting organized in memory of R. Assereto and J. Pisa (1979) and in 1981, at the Sarajevo Triassic conference and fieldtrip.

In 1982 you invited me in your home in Ottawa and after Triassic business, I remember you speaking about your famous “Halobia two” sailing boat.

I kept great souvenir of our geological adventures with helicopter in Verkoyansk Mountains (East Siberia), just before the 1984 Moscow International Geological Congress and in particular your passionate discussions on basal Triassic Ammonoids at Setorym Creek with our missed Russian colleague A. Dagys (photo 1).

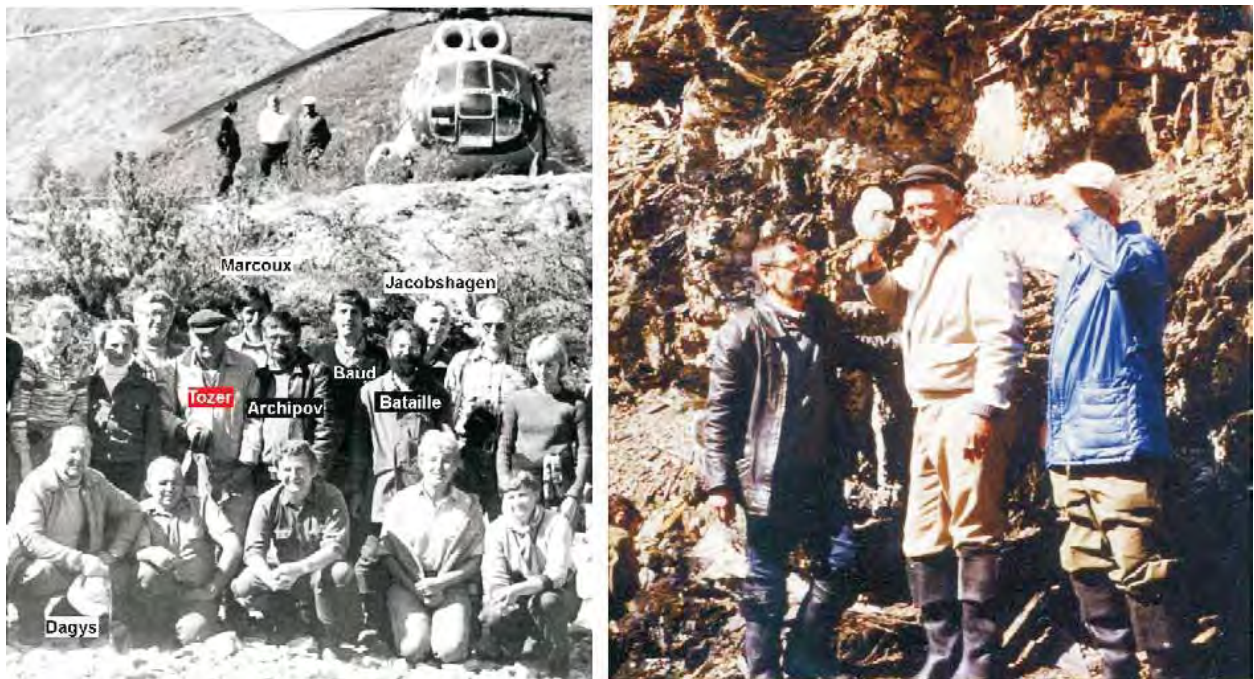


Photo 1 -left: part of the group brought by helicopter at Setorym Creek in the Verkoyansk Mountains, July 1984; -right: Tim on the *Otoceras concavum* beds at Setorim Creek with Yu. Arkhipov (right) and A. Dagys

Soon after printing you sent me your new “pink book” *The Triassic and its ammonoids: The Evolution of a Time Scale* with a friendly dedication. I read it “d’un trait” as tale story but with real nineteen and early twenty centuries paleontologists, geologists and stratigraphers true of life -a sweeping historical epic of a time scale never outshone.

In 1986 you came to the Istanbul STS Conference I organized with J. Marcoux, L. Krystyn and C. Sengör and to our field workshop in the Antalya Mountains. You valued the stratigraphical studies, climbed the Çuruk Dagħ and also enjoyed, as I, the Kemer ice-creams!

December 1987, you don’t miss the IGCP 109 field workshop to the Salt Range in Pakistan, a lower Triassic “must” for Stratigraphers (photo 2).

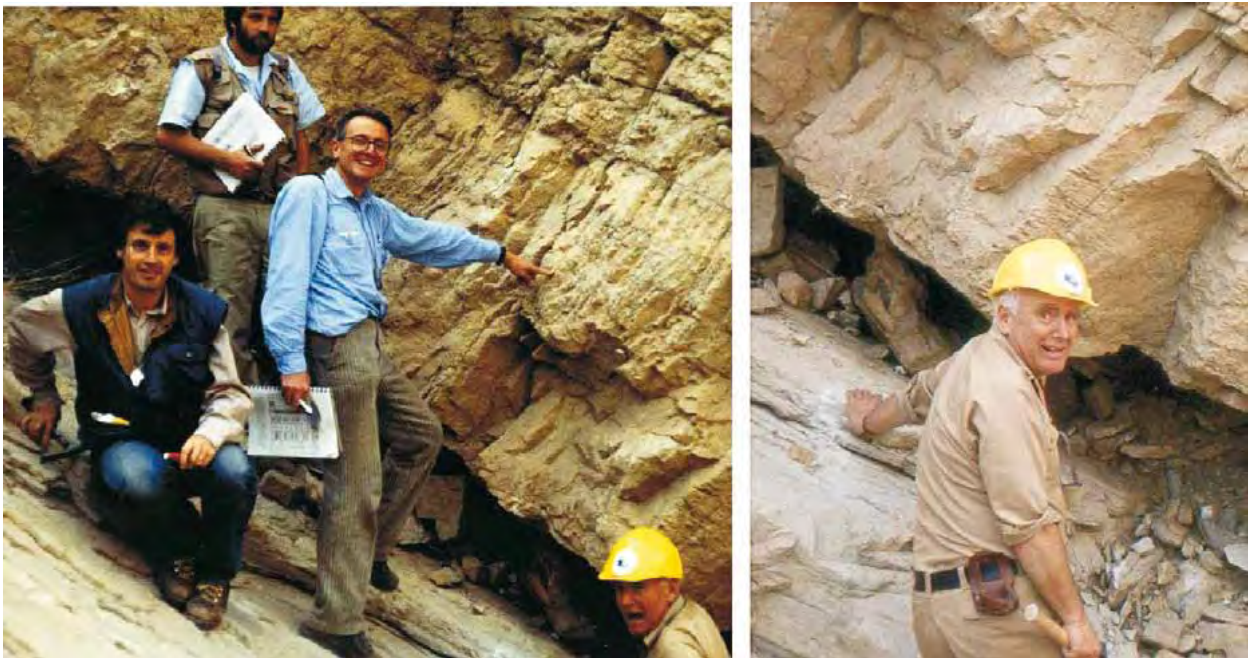


Photo 2, December 1987, the Permian-Triassic boundary at Nammal Gorge (Salt Range, Pakistan). -Left: Tim (yellow hard hat) unhappy with the boundary shown by M. Gaetani with A. Baud; -right: Tim happy with the hand on his believed boundary

Following the IGCP meeting, you take the unique opportunity to go with our small group for visiting the famous Triassic sections of Palgham and Guryul Ravine in Indian Kashmir

We all appreciated the impressive geology but six months later, all this area fell to terrorism and imposed curfew.

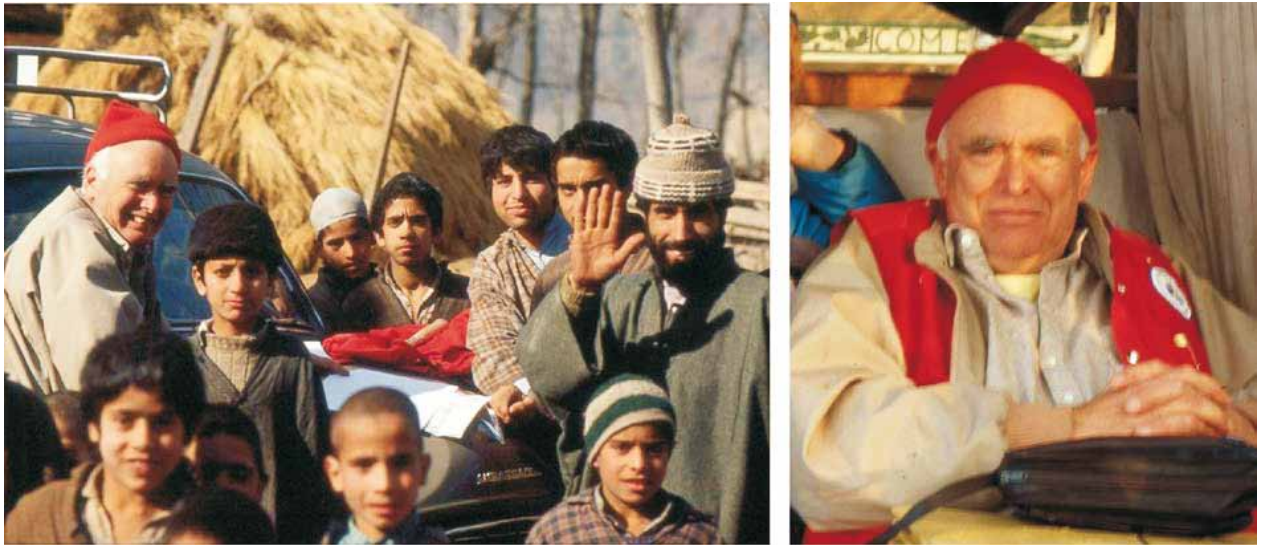


Photo 3 -left, Srinagar (Kashmir), December 1987: smiling Tim surrounded by young Kashmiri people swapped his yellow hard hat for a red hat; -right: Tim is getting a rest in the houseboat after field excursion.

Our last meeting was twenty years ago in Lausanne (1991) and you came with enthusiasm at this International Symposium of the Subcommittee on Triassic Stratigraphy I organized with J. Guex and you visited for the first time our Triassic sections of the Prealps



Photo 4, October 1991, in the St-Triphon quarry (Anisian, Prealps of Western Switzerland): debate between Tim and his good friends and colleagues A. Days and W. Weitschat.

Remember You, Tim, our Triassic Master, I will fondly, Aymon

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