



Our good friend and colleague, reindeer biologist *Øyvind Pedersen* died suddenly at an age of 41 yrs on July 14, 1993 after a short period of illness. From 1989 he was assistant professor in reindeer biology at the Department of Animal Science at The Agricultural University of Norway, at Ås.

He completed his Masters degree in Zoology at the University of Oslo in 1985 on a study of

arctic foxes in the mountains of Southern Norway. In 1986 he obtained a scholarship in biology at the Department of Zoology, Agricultural University of Norway. With Øyvind we then planned extensive grazing studies on reindeer in the Jotunheimen mountain region. At the same time the Nuclear Power Plant accident in Chernobyl happened. Some of the largest fallout of radiocesium from this accident was deposited in the Jotunheimen area and our program was abruptly changed to include studies of the radioecology of reindeer and the development of countermeasures to combat high levels of radioactivity in reindeer meat. An important part was also the possible pathological and genetic effects of high doses of radioactivity on reindeer.

At the time of his death Øyvind was close to finishing his doctors degree in Reindeer radioecology.

Øyvind Pedersen was a very important member of our reindeer research group and was essential to the fulfilment of our programs. He was a man of the mountains and loved the field work at all times of year, in winter just as in summer. He was a social person and enjoyed very much collaboration with reindeer herders and relaxing evenings after a hard day of work.

Besides being a very good field worker, Øyvind Pedersen was also an excellent experimental scientist and his contribute to our studies at Ås was invaluable. Reindeer science in general has experienced a considerable loss through Øyvind Pedersens untimely death. We miss a good friend an colleague.

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Errata

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«No. 3, 1993» on the cover of the previous number of **Rangifer** should read «No. 2, 1993». You will find a label with the correct text in the present edition of the journal. Please fasten this label on the cover of your copy of the previous number. This is very important. Thank you!

Fig. 1 on page 111: part of this figure is missing in the previous number. The entire figure, including «b. Female calves» is enclosed in the present edition. You can fix this onto page 116 of your copy of the previous number.