



IN MEMORIAM

Jon Lykke
1935 – 2008

Jon Lykke died of cancer at home in Verdal, Norway in the company of his family on February 1, 2008. Jon was a pillar of the moose community in Norway and will be dearly missed. He delivered a paper 40 years ago at the 5th North American Moose Conference in Alaska, and subsequently attended most of the International Moose Symposiums where he became a lifelong friend and colleague of many moose biologists worldwide.

Jon completed his graduate studies in Forestry at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and also studied internationally at the University of British Columbia. He published numerous papers about moose and forest management in Norway, provided countless lectures about moose and forest management in Norway, and was an important contributor to ALCES. He was also the Chief Editor of two books: “Moose and Moose Hunting in Norway” (1986) and “The Forest” (1988).

His recent paper in 2005 was a historical compilation and analysis of moose

management techniques and harvest data that included data collected by both he and his father Leif. They were the Managing Directors and Foresters of Værdalsbruket from 1931-2002, Jon the final 31 years. Værdalsbruket is one of the largest private properties in Norway consisting of 900 km² of forests, mountains, marshland, rivers, and lakes. It is unlikely that any comparable long-term records of integrated moose-forest management exist. To produce a culminating paper after retirement is tremendous testimony to his passion for moose and forest management in Norway.

Jon’s constant involvement with the international moose community was both admirable and sincerely respected, and his passion and generosity toward his colleagues make him a great role model for international cooperative efforts in moose research and management. ALCES provides this tribute in an international spirit of cooperation, in recognition and sincere appreciation of our honored colleague Jon Lykke.