

## **Professor Harold D. (Harry) Foster**

Harry Foster, former Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria, died on August 15, 2009.

Dr Foster was born in Tunstall, Yorkshire, England where he was educated at the Hull Grammar School and University College London. While at university, he specialized in Geology and Geography, earning a B.Sc. in 1964 and a Ph.D. in 1968. He was a faculty member in the Department of Geography, University of Victoria, from 1967 to 2008. Last year he received his 40-year service commendation from the university.

Harry will be best remembered for his contributions to medical geography, where he developed many early concepts regarding the spatial distribution of diseases and environmental causality behind certain diseases long before such relationships were recognized.

He wrote books on schizophrenia, Alzheimer's, AIDS and cancer, to name a few. He was also the series editor for the department's well known Western Geographical Series of book publications.

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