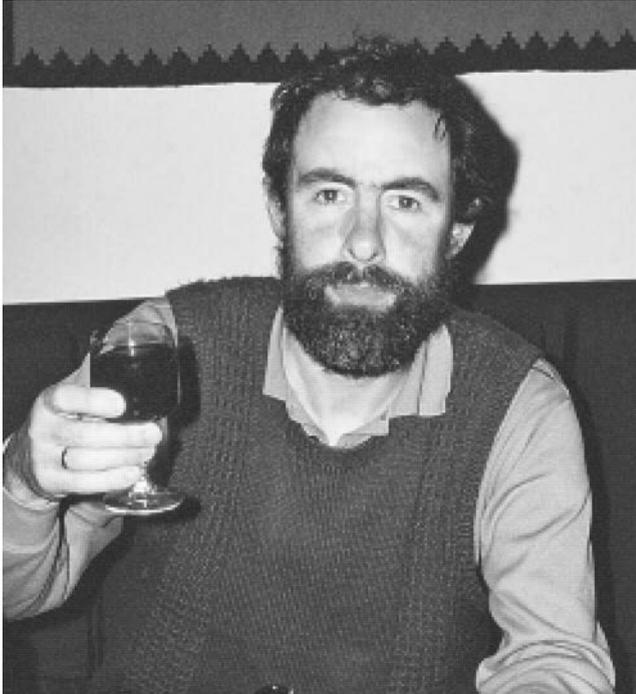


DEDICATION



Richard Bromley and Ulla Asgaard in Copenhagen, Denmark, 1981.

The innovative and diverse contributions to palaeontology, in general, and to ichnology, in particular, by Richard Bromley and Ulla Asgaard have been truly profound and far-reaching. No serious researcher or novice student of ichnology can escape the pleasure of reading their many, many papers on a wide variety of subjects concerning marine ecology, palaeoecology and organism-sediment inter-relationships. For this very good reason, this current theme issue of *Annales Societatis Geologorum Poloniae* is dedicated to these two great palaeontological partners, whose

works – both collaborative and individual – span nearly half a century.

In my life I have been rewarded by getting to know countless interesting human beings – all of them unique, but few more unique and fascinating than Richard Bromley and Ulla Asgaard, to whom this special journal issue is dedicated. Richard (proudly English) and Ulla (Danish to the core) have forged a remarkably creative partnership and truly devoted marriage. Distinctly different in terms of personality, interests and achievements, the two of them have



Friends from four continents gathered for a celebration in honor of Richard Bromley and Ulla Asgaard (front and center) at Egilsholm on the island of Bornholm, Denmark, 2014.

been so tightly intertwined through their years that they are often known affectionately, collectively as “Rullard” to their many friends and colleagues around the world.

Richard Bromley’s voluminous contributions to increase our understanding of modern and ancient traces of bioturbation and bioerosion are among the most influential publications in the literature of ichnology, and his comprehensive textbook, *Trace Fossils: Biology, Taphonomy and Applications* (1996), is a classic that contains a great deal of useful and important material, including some information not found in print anywhere else, as well as occasional personal musings about the many joys of scientific discovery in the field. In his writings and oral presentations and informal conversations, Richard never hides his sheer delight in doing science and communicating his latest findings to anyone and everyone he encounters.

Ulla Asgaard’s extensive published works, focusing mainly on extinct and extant brachiopods and echinoids, are significant pieces of fundamental work in systematic palaeontology. Ulla’s early work with Richard on trace fossils in Greenland and her subsequent studies of the ecology and ethology modern brachiopods and echinoids provide important uniformitarian insights.

My close personal friendship with Richard and Ulla and my professional collaborations with them on a number of different projects over the years are truly high points in my own life. We have shared many memorable experiences in far-flung corners of the world. It is clearly fitting and appropriate for this special theme issue of the journal, which contains a wide spectrum of new contributions by many friends and colleagues of Richard and Ulla, to be dedicated to their legacy.

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