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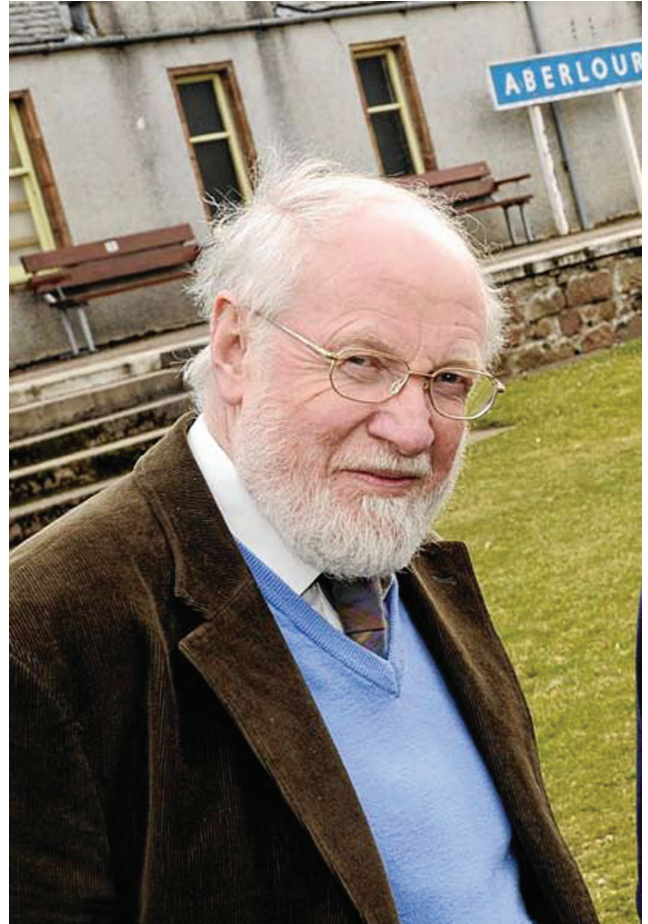
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We mourn the unexpected passing of Professor John Milne, Editor-in-Chief of *The Rangeland Journal*. John was an outstanding Editor-in-Chief and in four short years took the Journal into new phases of its development. The energy, skill and knowledge which he brought to this role, were greatly admired by all associated with the Journal. He travelled extensively in Australia since taking up the position and his delightful disposition endeared him to all of us. Our sympathy is with those whose loss is greater than ours.

John was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and had a distinguished academic and research career. He initially concentrated on the components of livestock production systems under rangeland conditions. His interests then expanded to include the environmental impacts of such systems and finally on policy issues in relation to rangeland management. He then widened his geographical interests and undertook consultancies in the Mediterranean, cold desert and semi-arid rangelands.

In 2003, John became Chief Editor of *Grass and Forage Science* which mostly published contributions from the UK. By 2009, he had transformed it into a truly international journal with papers from 40 countries in the last two volumes that he edited. In recognition, he was made an Honorary Life Member of the British Grassland Society.

John Milne made a very significant contribution to *The Rangeland Journal* in his four-year tenure. Under John's editorship the Journal has expanded its publication rate from four to six issues per year and broadened its international profile. A sound base has been built upon which the next Editor-in-Chief can further develop the profile of the Journal as a significant inter-disciplinary medium for publication of high quality science related to the use and management of rangelands throughout the world.



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