

A tribute to Professor Tor Tønsberg



Tor Tønsberg in the type locality of *Lepraria bergensis* in 2006. Photo: Martin Kukwa

This special issue of *Plant and Fungal Systematics* is dedicated to Prof. Tor Tønsberg on the occasion of his 75th birthday. It presents 20 papers related to his scientific interests. Tor Tønsberg devoted his career to research in lichenology, including the taxonomy, chemistry, floristics, and phytogeography of lichens and lichenicolous fungi. Throughout his career, he has taken an interest in many groups of lichens, from *Cladonia* to his favourites, the sorediate crustose lichens, including the iconic genus *Lepraria*. Alone or together with his collaborators from several countries, he introduced more than one hundred species and genera new to science and has contributed substantially to the knowledge of lichens in Europe and North America. So far, the genus *Toensbergia* as well as nine species have been named in his honour. With this volume, the contributors wish to celebrate his impressive achievements in lichenology. We, the editors, also express

our gratitude to all the authors, whose contributions made this celebration possible.

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