

## Marcel van den Broecke (1942 – 2020)

Former ISI Director Marcel van den Broecke passed away on 8 March 2020. He served as director of the ISI from 1997-2003 as successor of Zoltan Kenessey. During his directorship the important steps were made in transforming the ISI toward a more Internet-based society.



*Marcel and Deborah together with Heli Jeskanen enjoying a dinner during the ISI Session 1999 in Helsinki.*

Marcel studied English, linguistics and phonetics and in 1976 he received a PhD degree cum laude from Utrecht University for his thesis on a phonetic subject. He was very interested in old maps and especially in the work of the early cartographer Abraham Ortelius. In the early eighties he undertook an additional study in cartography at Utrecht University and became a world known and often-consulted expert on the maps of Ortelius. That interest led to a second PhD in 2009 on Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*.

Together with his wife Deborah Günzburger he ran a successful web-based shop for old maps.

*Gerrit Stemerding, ISI Elected Member*