

In memory of Jeff Burley

Description

The former Board member of the Marcus Wallenberg Foundation, Professor Jeffery (Jeff) Burley passed away on 27 December 2021, and our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jean and their children and grandchildren, in their sorrow.

Jeff served the Foundation on several positions since his appointment to the Prize Selection Committee in 1994. First as a member (1994-1998), then as Chairperson of the Prize Selection Committee and in 2007 continuing as a Member of the of the Foundation Board until he resigned in 2017. We enjoyed his engagement in being an active Senior Advisor of the Foundation until the very end.

As Director of Forestry at Oxford University and with numerous significant recognitions with the international community of Forestry Science, he was uniquely skilled for the task of securing and developing the global reputation of the Marcus Wallenberg Prize within his field. We are extremely grateful for the service he provided.

He will be remembered by many for his creativity, humour, diplomatic skills, fairness, and excitement for good science.

We deeply miss Jeff and feel privileged and grateful to have had the opportunity to work with him and to know him and his wife Jean.