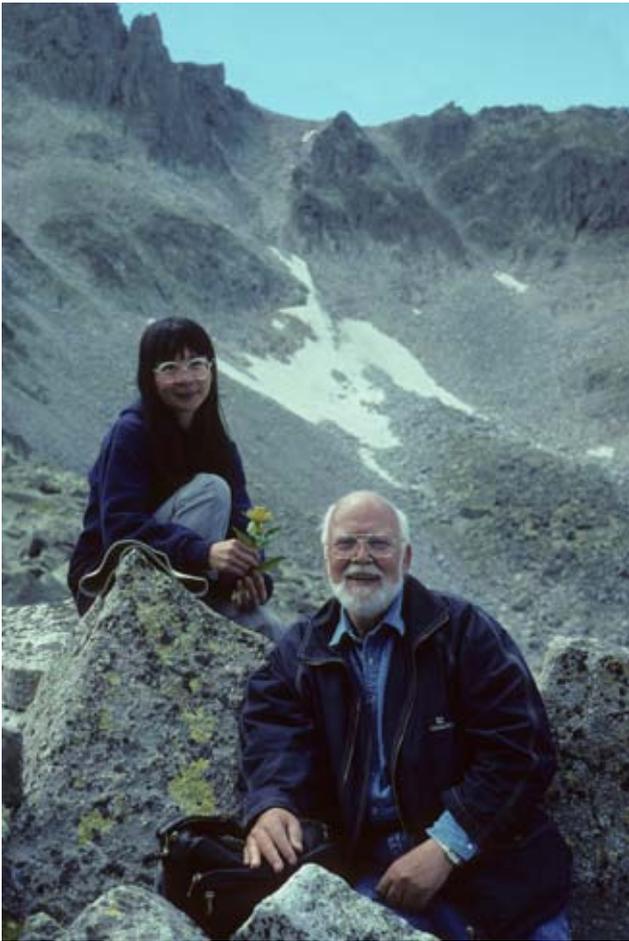


**IN MEMORIAM****Professor Per Hans Bengt Runemark (1927–2014) from Lund**

**Hans Runemark** and Kit Tan (with *Gentiana punctata*) on Rila Mts, Bulgaria, 25 July 1993 (photo by Arne Strid).

We regret to inform that the Swedish botanist Prof. Hans Runemark passed away at the age of 87 on 11 December 2014. He was born on 7 January 1927 and became professor of botany at Lund University in 1958. His PhD thesis was on the yellow lichen genus *Rhizocarpon* although he continued not as a lichenologist, but worked on island endemics and the plant geography of the Aegean. He contributed tremendously to the floristic exploration of the Aegean area and made detailed investigations on the differentiation of flora and distribution in the Aegean, particularly the Kiklades, using the Aegean as a living laboratory to study evolutionary processes in small plant populations. He will be sadly missed by those he has met, taught and inspired, particularly by his disciples from the “Lund school”, who all became eminent botanists. In recognition of his botanical work, Prof. Runemark was awarded the OPTIMA Gold Medal in Borovetz, Bulgaria in July 1993. However, he stated he was just as happy and proud to have climbed nearly to the top of Mt Rila, the highest mountain in the Balkans.

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