

We are sad to announce the death of Professor Rütger Wever on 13th August 2010.



In collaboration with Professor Jürgen Aschoff he constructed the famous “bunker” in Andechs, Bavaria, in 1963. The thirty years of long-term experiments they carried out under free running as well as controlled conditions (such as different light intensities, electromagnetic fields), in healthy subjects as well as blind individuals or depressed patients, laid the groundwork for all future circadian rhythm research in humans. His scholarly and fascinating collation of these studies is still a reference source for the field (R.A. Wever, *The Circadian System of Man. Results of Experiments under Temporal isolation*. 1979, Springer-Verlag NY).

Rütger Wever was a true scientist. We remember how helpful and selfless he was with his colleagues, with whom he would always be ready to openly share his ideas and data. We are honoured to have been his doctoral students. The field has lost a warm and generous personality and a great pioneer of circadian rhythm research.

Rütger Wever outside “his” bunker, 1981

Reimer Lund and Jürgen Zulley

See also : Rütger Wever: an appreciation. A. Wirz-Justice, S. Daan, S. Folkard, A. Lewy, R. Lund, J. Zulley. *J Biol Rhythms* (2005) 20:554-5.

The Wever collection of published papers is available in the References section of ChronoHistory documents on EUCLIS (<http://www.bioinfo.mpg.de/euclis/>)
