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Remembering Dan Wartenberg, friend and colleague.

I was shocked when Dan withdrew so abruptly from the profession he loved; and then to learn that it was because of early onset Alzheimer's came as a terrible blow. I remain shocked to think of him as departed at the age of 68. May His Dear Soul Rest in Peace and may we all continue to advance his caring passion and creative excellence in public health. I am left with a few indelible memories of Dan that I would like to share.

1. Dan was supportive in 1991 of my founding of the Ethics and Philosophy Committee of the *International Society for Environmental Epidemiology* (ISEE). His contributions to initial policy documents of the Committee were invaluable; and these also can be seen in several of its deliverables over the years. The Committee continues to thrive to this day.

2. My experience and interactions with Dan evolved further through my ongoing connections with the ISEE. Dan was influential throughout the years that we worked together. One very tangible contribution is the logo that he had developed for the ISEE in the mid-1990s and which he passed on to me for use in organizing and hosting

ISEE 1996 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Here it is, enduring to this day!



3. I recall when Dan was planning to run for the office of ISEE President. It was always a pleasure to interact with him as a man of integrity. He was never afraid to address ethical challenges that were delicate and required outside-of-the-box thinking.

4. Dan was involved in the early years of the Joint Policy Committee of the Societies of Epidemiology (JPC-SE). When there was an hiatus in JPC-SE activity around 2010-2011, Dan appealed to me to see if some intervention was needed to jump-start the organization, so important did he consider the need for an active group at the interface of research and policy.

I have no doubt that Dan will continue to be sorely missed. He was a caring a man, particularly about the plight of harmed communities. Good karma envelops his memory from among those who had the privilege of working with him and from among those who so respected him. May his grieving wife, Caron, take solace in this.

I had the pleasure of meeting Caron once in Edmonton

when she and Dan were attending a wedding, as I recall. We were able to squeeze in a visit at the hotel where they were staying.

May all who were close to Dan be caught up in the love, affection and admiration that so many had for his special and gentle soul.

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