

For many years, Dan Wartenberg was the face of ISEE for me. He was the Secretary-Treasurer when I first became an active member and then President. I have vivid memories of him leading the membership meetings – presenting rather dry data about the membership and finances in as fascinating a way as possible. I had the pleasure of serving with him as Secretary-Treasurer during the last year of his term and while he was Past President. Dan really set an example for how to lead a Society. He met weekly with the Secretariat – Carol Rougvie from John Snow Institute -- and reported that he scheduled at least a half day a week for Society business. I am certain he spent much more than that and he continued his high level of commitment during his year as Past President. I know he was passionate about ISEE's role in capacity building and mentoring students and young investigators around the world. He worked tirelessly to ensure that ISEE was a strong advocate for our field and served an important role advancing major environmental issues throughout the world.

My research interests also overlapped with him. I actually first met Dan when I was a student in the mid 1990s. We both attended a workshop on using GIS in epidemiology research sponsored by the US National Institutes of Health. He presented results on electromagnetic field (EMF) exposures from power lines, an exposure that I was also studying. Coincidentally, we both also had ties to SUNY-Stonybrook. Dan did his PhD work in the Department of Ecology and Evolution under Dr. Robert Sokal, a renowned statistician who wrote my favorite textbook "Biometry." I too was mentored by Dr. Sokal when I spent a year in his department after graduating from college. We found this connection telling, particularly given that it was outside of traditional training in public health.

Dan was a wonderful mentor. He taught me how to be a better scientist and how to lead a Society. I am certain that the success of ISEE today owes a lot to the strong foundation that Dan helped to create and maintain.

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