

The Gesellschaft der Keramikfreunde mourns the passing of its board member

Dr. phil. Alfred Franz Christian Ziffer (4/20/1957-10/19/2017)



Alfred Ziffer passed away on October 19, 2017 in Munich. He was a member of the GKf since 1997. In 2006 he joined the GKf board of directors, succeeding Dr. Manfred Mainz as editor of its flagship journal KERAMOS. He dedicated himself fully to this task that was to become an integral part of his life. Going beyond simply collecting and editing manuscripts, he meticulously designed the layout of the journal's pages. The Society will forever owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.

For many years he was curator of the Bäuml Collection. In pursuit of his passion for Nymphenburg porcelain he developed a deep connoisseurship of these objects. His field of expertise, however, was much broader, ranging from Meissen porcelain to faience as evidenced by his carefully researched catalogues of major collections.

Alfred Ziffer had many friends and admirers around the world. In the planning of our Society's trips, he used his contacts to open the doors to many private collections and ensure a friendly reception by museums.

His loss fills us with great sorrow. With his passing we have lost an editor, a member of our board, an outstanding scholar, but above all a very special friend.

Our sympathies go to Michael Andressen, his partner of many years, and to the family.