

## **Professor Gareth Edwards-Jones**

It is with great sadness that we note the death on Sunday 14 August of Professor Gareth Edwards-Jones, Professor of Agriculture and Land Use, Bangor University and Waitrose Professor of Sustainable Agriculture, Aberystwyth University.

Gareth was a dynamic, inspirational and keystone member of Bangor University. He was the originator of the successful Relu project investigating food miles and had a significant international and national influence on shaping the policy debate. In September 2010 as part of an innovative joint arrangement with Aberystwyth University he combined his work as Professor of Agriculture and Land-Use Studies in Bangor with the Waitrose Chair of Sustainable Agriculture.

He was a farmer's son from Denbighshire with research interests spanning a range of issues concerned with food production and wise use of the environment. These included carbon accounting, agricultural policy and the environment, the economics of nature conservation, the psychology of farmers' decision-making and agricultural development in Wales.

Gareth was passionate about any activity that interested him. These included diverse pastimes such as fly-fishing with his father, cycling, listening to the Archers, supporting Manchester United (to his colleagues' and friends' dismay!) and playing five-a-side football.

His friends will miss his unique sense of humour and generosity of spirit. His parents and siblings have lost a devoted son and brother. His wife, Emma, and two children Gethin and Eleanor have lost an adoring husband and father. He is a tragic loss to us all.