

Ari Haukkala - memories by colleagues

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It has been a privilege and a huge pleasure to have known Ari over more than 20 years and to spend many enjoyable

times together in London, Finland and other countries hosting EHPS conferences.

Having enjoyed several visits to Helsinki at the invitation of Ari and Nelli, I was delighted to host them and their son in London for their 2018 sabbatical visit to the UK and to spend time with them in London and at our house.

Ari's interests were wide ranging, as was his knowledge of psychology, with a breadth of expertise in both social and health psychology, and how it could be applied to clinical and social challenges.

Ari exuded warmth, humanity and generosity, always interested in others. Conversations with Ari were always enjoyable, moving easily between deep discussions to sharing jokes. I found Ari exceptionally humble, never talking about his achievements, unless they were drawn out of him. I was always very moved by his huge pride in Nelli's achievements.

I will remember Ari with great fondness, respect and appreciation, as a very lovely person with a profound intellect but also a lightness of spirit and ready smile that was enjoyed by so many.

Robert West

Ari was a warm, gentle and hugely talented scientist. I always found his research enormously impressive and interesting. I was most familiar with his work on smoking, but it is clear from his writings and from discussions with him that his impressive intellect covered a wide range of topics in health and social psychology. It was always such a pleasure to be able to chat with him and I was struck by his willingness to discuss issues on their merits without a hint of ego. A true scientist who is greatly missed.



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