

## "Rafael Mas y Joan Vilagrassa se han ido"

La nota necrológica que te envié resulta demasiado fría, Manel ha redactado lo siguiente: Nos produce una gran tristeza comunicar el fallecimiento de dos miembros del Consejo de Redacción. Rafael Mas Hernández, catedrático de Análisis Geográfico Regional de la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid que nos dejó el pasado 23 de enero de este año, y Joan Vilagrassa Ibarz, catedrático de Geografía Humana de la Universidad de Lleida fallecido el pasado 6 de junio. Dos personas especialmente valiosas y activas que nos han apoyado y ayudado en todo momento, y que han desaparecido de forma súbita cuando más esperábamos de su energía, de su experiencia y su magisterio. Para una justa valoración de su perfil personal y científico, remitimos a sendos artículos publicados por los profesores Horacio Capel y Mercedes Tatjer, y disponibles en la publicación digital Biblio 3W:

CAPEL, H., TATJER, M., "Rafael Mas Hernandez (1950-2003), un maestro de la geografía urbana española", Biblio 3W, Revista de Geografía y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Barcelona, Vol. VIII, n. 426, febrero de 2003 <http://www.ub.es/geocrit/b3w-426.htm>

CAPEL, H., "Joan Vilagrassa Ibarz (1953-2003)", Biblio 3W, Revista de Geografía y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Barcelona, Vol. VIII, n. 453, julio de 2003. <http://www.ub.es/geocrit/b3w-453.htm>

## Newsletter IPHS 2004 BARCELONA

As at 15<sup>th</sup> September 2003, the final deadline for the submission of abstracts, an overwhelmingly high number of responses had been received, not only for papers but also for thematic session proposals and requests for round table presentations. A first pre-evaluation of all these proposals predicts an extremely high standard of quality and interest with a view to generating discussion throughout the Conference. This unquestionably positive prediction nevertheless carries with it a number of organisational limitations, which at this stage it is considered appropriate to identify. The pre-evaluation of the abstracts makes it necessary to tighten some of the functional requirements to ease the process for all concerned from this point in time up until the Conference itself.

### IMPORTANT MATTERS

If for any reason clarification is required concerning abstracts and session/round table proposals, the authors and proposers will be contacted on an individual basis.

Each participant will be able to present just one communication. In the case of joint collaborations, as many presentations will be allowed as there are members in the groups.

### DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS

With the exception of a number proposals, clearly lying outside the dominant thematic foci of the Conference and which will be rejected in this first screening phase, the remainder of the communications must be submitted prior to **15<sup>th</sup> December 2003**. The high number of communications foreseen will make the process of evaluation and *refereeing* somewhat slower and more difficult, making it essential to consider this time limit as final and unable to be extended.

### PROCEEDINGS AND SESSIONS

The publication of the proceedings will be in the form of a hard copy (paper) volume containing all the summaries, and will incorporate a CD-ROM with all the communications in the languages in which these are presented.

All participants are encouraged to present an English version of their