Peter Jozef (Sjeuf) Felder handed over to me the manuscript below as a personal copy.

„**Zoektocht naar grenzen in het Krijt in de Ardennen, tussen Aken-Luik-Maastricht en in de Belgische Kempen**.“



This manuscript has been of greatest value for me, enabling me to understand the depositional history of the late Cretaceous deposits in the type area of the Maastrichtian stage. Unfortunately, this manuscript has not been officially published, because Sjeuf Felder died in his home town of Cadier en Keer, the Netherlands, aged 81 on 15th May 2009, nine months after finishing the manuscript at hand. For this reason, this manuscript may be regarded as a preliminary and at the same time as the conclusive version of his view and knowledge of the Maastrichtian Cretaceous. The interested reader may thus consider his legacy with due respect and overlook the small inaccuracies a reviewing process would surely have eliminated.

I am personally very happy that Felder’s manuscript is now made available to a larger audience, as I personally consider it a milestone of Dutch and European geological sciences. Not necessary to mention, that without his intensive collection of data in addition to implementing the concept to use bioclasts for the identification of sea-level fluctuations and Milankovitch cyclicity, the article “A bioclast-based astronomical time scale for the Maastrichtian in the type area (southeast Netherlands, northeast Belgium) and stratigraphic implications – the legacy of P.J. Felder” would not have been possible.

In grateful memory

Norbert Keutgen