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Geology symposium "In the footsteps of George P.L. Walker" 30th-31st August 2014 in Breiðdalsvík



Walker in 1984 in Hawaii

Breiðdalssetur will be holding a symposium about the geology of East Iceland, to uphold and honour the memory of the British geologist George P.L. Walker and to arouse interest of the geology of East Iceland. The symposium holds the title „In the footsteps of George P.L. Walker“ and will take place the weekend 30th-31st august 2014 . Lectures will be held on the Saturday and on the Sunday is planned for a scenic tour in Berufjörður fjord and Breiðdalur valley. The goal of this symposium is to introduce the geology of East Iceland (especially the Tertier lava pile) to the general public and researchers and tell people more about practical applications of the geology of East Iceland (for example geothermal heat and tunnel building). Furthermore, there will be a presentation of the geological guide of Eastern Iceland which will be published this summer. Walker founded a practical methodology in mapping the Tertier lava pile of East Iceland and it is often said that Walker taught the Icelanders how to map the geology of their own country. There is more truth in that statement than many believe, because the information he gathered in the nineteenfifties and sixties is still being used today almost without any modifications, for example with the construction of Norðfjarðagöng tunnel.

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