

OBITUARY

CAROL COLEGATE



The IIW has been left to mourn the sudden demise of one of its dearest and most longstanding members. The late Carol Colegate (formerly Carol Jones) died recently at her home in Cambridge, England, after a short illness.

Carol was indeed a true IIW stalwart, having been involved with the organization at different levels for almost two decades. Upon her employment by TWI in 1991, she joined the IIW Secretariat team led by John Hicks while it was then headquartered in England. And even after its transfer to Institut de Soudure in Villepinte, France, she still maintained strong IIW links via her management of the UK Section of the IIW Committee, right up to her untimely passing.

Throughout her long IIW service, Carol made a lasting and positive impression on all with whom she came into contact. She will be fondly remembered by many for all of the distinguishing personality traits which were her trademarks. Her highly methodical approach and pragmatism, her high degree of calm professionalism and unwavering commitment, her indefatigable enthusiasm and infectious good humour, her relentless dynamism and stoicism in the face of change and challenges, her singular sense of style, as well as her unequivocally superior linguistic skills.

Carol was a veritable “people’s person” who was blessed with an undeniable gift for inter-personal relations. She truly adhered to the tenets of international relations, sidestepping any boundaries of culture, ethnicity or generation with admirable and consummate ease. Carol Colegate was truly an international figure and will be sorely missed worldwide.

A dearly beloved member of its family has departed and the IIW thus joins Carol’s relatives, friends and colleagues in mourning her loss.

May she rest in peace.