



张玉萍同志病逝

中国科学院古脊椎动物与古人类研究所副研究员、地质古生物学家张玉萍同志因患晚期腹腔肿瘤,医治无效,于1985年1月10日20时10分逝世,终年五十岁。

张玉萍同志于1934年1月21日出生于天津市。1952年以优异成绩考取北京地质学院,1956年毕业于,取得“地质工程师”文凭,并被分配到中国科学院古脊椎动物与古人类研究所,从此开始了她一生为之奋斗的新生代地层和古哺乳类化石的研究。卅年以来她一贯勤勤恳恳兢兢业业,认真负责,为我国新生代地层与古脊椎动物学做出了重大贡献。她先后考察了我国大部分省区,撰写了专著、报告和其他学术论文等四十余篇。

张玉萍同志在野外工作中,不怕艰苦劳累,有很强的组织工作能力。1959年在前中苏古生物考察队工作期间,她在乌拉乌苏领导一个发掘队,采集了完整的小巨犀、雷兽及数十个古麋鹿骨架。这批化石为了解原始犀类和反刍动物的历史提供了重要材料,成为世界古脊椎动物的珍品。六十年代初,在她主持下的陕西蓝田野外队发现了著名的“蓝田中国猿人”;测制了“蓝田地区新生代地质图及地区标准剖面”,成为黄土高原新生代地质研究的一项经典工作。她与其他同志一起,在广东南雄找到了大量的哺乳动物化石,第一次肯定了该盆地古新统的存在,建立了亚洲第一个完整的古新统剖面,从而揭开了举世瞩目的华南红层研究工作的序幕。为此,得到了我国古脊椎动物学奠基人,已故杨钟健所长的高度赞扬。

十一届三中全会后,她对党的路线、方针、政策欢欣鼓舞、坚决拥护,并倾注全部心血,夜以继日地为古脊椎动物这门学科赶超世界先进水平忘我工作。近两年来带病与澳大利亚同行合作进行中英文古生物文献的计算机翻译工作。直到生命垂危时刻,还在与西德同行合作进行着白垩——第三纪全球事件的研究和探索。她的逝世,是我国古生物学界的一个损失。

张玉萍同志热爱党、热爱科技事业。她对革命工作无限热忱,从不计较个人得失,经常不顾家庭困难,坚持长期野外工作。来所后,她除了担任野外队领导工作外,先后担任过新生代研究室室秘书、老第三纪组组长。在各个岗位上她不论职务的性质与高低,都竭尽全力,做好工作。她服从领导,尊重前辈,关心年轻人;她和蔼可亲,平易近人,乐于助人;她生活朴素,廉洁奉公。近几年在国际交往中,不论在国内或国外,常受到外国同行们的称道和赞誉。

张玉萍同志是中年知识分子中优秀的一员。她的一生是革命的一生,战斗的一生,忠心耿耿为党的科学事业鞠躬尽瘁的一生。她的优秀品质将永远值得我们学习,激励我们在为完成经济体制改革,实现祖国四化,振兴中华的道路上阔步前进。



OBITUARY

Zhang Yuping (Chang Yuping) (1934—1985)

With deepest grief we announce a saddest news that Mrs. Zhang Yuping, a life-long associate of the Institute (IVPP), breathed her last at 8:10 p.m. on January 10, 1985 in Beijing. Born in Tianjin on January 21, 1934, she died of mesenteric cancer at the age of 50 in the prime of her life and career.

Yuping entered the Beijing College of Geology in 1952 and graduated with a diploma of geological engineer in 1956. Since then, she had been in connection with the IVPP, and was just promoted to the position of Research Associate before her death. She was an enthusiastic and hardworking paleontologist, and, above all, an excellent field investigator.

Her scientific activities covered an extensive field of Cenozoic stratigraphy and fossil mammals. In the first decade of her academic year she was responsible for the work of the field team that made the rich collection of late Eocene mammals at Lushi, Henan (1957), another one of Eocene at Ula Usu, Nei Mongol with Dr. Dubrovo in 1959, and the first collection of earlier Paleocene mammals at Nanxiong, Guangdong (1961). During 1962—64, she headed a field team working in the Lantian District, which led to the recovery of several important collections of mammal fossils ranging in age from Eocene to Pleistocene, including fossils of the Lantian Man and its associating fauna, and to the

establishment of a most comprehensive standard section for the continental geology of the loess plateau and the Middle Huanghe region. She had worked on various mammalian groups. Her publication amounted to over 40 titles.

As a person she is highly meritorious, always kind, honest and earnest and ready to help the others, but rarely thought of herself. She is much liked by all who come into contact with her.

Yuping's untimely death cuts short life of a virtuous person, and takes away from her family a closest and dearest mem-

ber, from her friends and colleagues, here and abroad alike, a beloved, esteemed associate, and from the IVPP and Chinese VP a devoting comrade and student.

To the consolation of her beloved, she appeared to have been calm and peaceful even during the last few days of her life. She was survived by her husband L. Y. Xie, a son and a daughter.

Yuping and her spirit of devotion to the science of VP will ever be remembered by all of us.