Thank you Ken Pearson

As many of you will have seen, Professor Kenneth Pearson recently retired from his position with the Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS). Ken has been active in the GTAP Network since its inception, in particular helping to develop material for, and teach in, the GTAP courses. He also played an important role in pushing out the frontier of CGE modeling and analysis through his development of the GEMPACK software suite and the publication of a number of influential GTAP Technical Papers. For his many contributions to the network, Ken was selected as a GTAP Research Fellow in 1996 and was later named to the GTAP Hall of Fame in 2007.

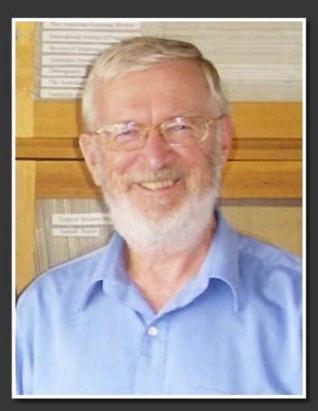
Those of us who had the privilege of working closely with Ken count our collaborations with him as among the most stimulating and rewarding of our careers. Ken's keen intellect and his background in theoretical mathematics allowed him to quickly grasp the essence of whatever modeling challenge we posed. And teaching short courses with Ken was always an invigorating experience. He was prepared to do whatever it took to make the course a success, whether it was sitting in on 'dry runs' of the lectures and labs, stuffing notebooks, developing new course material, or organizing social outings. Ken's invention of the AnalyseGE software at one of the Purdue short courses is but one of the many exciting by-products of his participation in these annual events over 15 years' time. Thank you, Ken, for your many contributions to building the GTAP network!

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge the great debt which I owe to Ken Pearson for his friendship during my 1990-91 sabbatical at Melbourne University, during which time GTAP was 'invented'. His generous hospitality began by picking our family up at the airport, and extended to helping us get settled in, buying a car, teaching me GEMPACK, collaborating on research, challenging me on the tennis court, and ultimately welcoming our family into the Pearson clan!

With many fond memories, Tom Hertel

From all reaches of the GTAP Network....





KEN PEARSON



The early years... can you identify these youngsters? (nice shirt, Ken!)

1st Annual Short Course West Lafayette, IN USA



 $1995\,European\,Short\,Course$

Frankfurt, Germany



Ken the musician... and a welcoming instructor in the course





1998 African Short Course January 25-31, 1998 Johannesburg, South Africa

The overseas courses were a lot of work, but also great fun!

 6^{th} Annual Short Course
July 26 – August 1, 1998
The Hague, The Netherlands



7th Annual Short CourseAugust 1-7, 1999
West Lafayette, IN USA

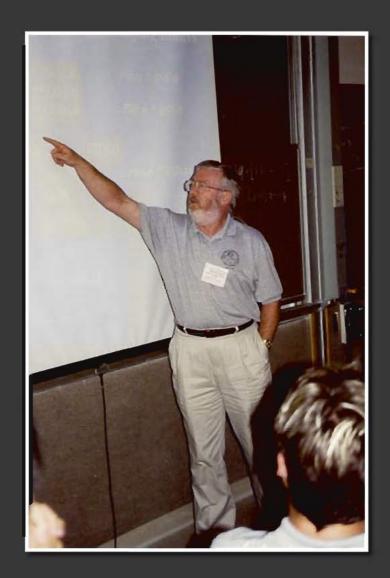
Ken in the lab.... And another reception at the Hertel-Fernandez home





GEMPACK talk.....

8th Annual Short Course August 5-11, 2000 West Lafayette, IN USA



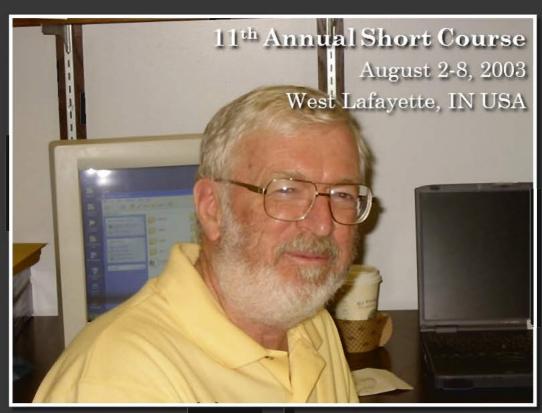
9th Annual Short Course July 29 - August 4, 2001 West Lafayette, IN USA



Ken's advice and insights have been critical to the development of the GTAP Short Courses











Ken never forgets the importance of having some fun!

Ken's sense of humor and patience are legendary





Buenos Aires, Argentina



Ken and

Helenin

Santiago

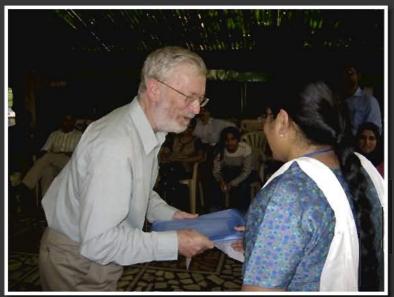
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12th Annual Short Course

August 7-13, 2004 West Lafayette, IN USA



2006 South Asia Short Course February 18-24, 2006 Mumbai, India

Ken always takes a personal interest in course participants



