

In memory of Stanislav Martinát (1976–2023)

On Sunday, August 13, Dr. Stanislav Martinát died after a short serious illness.

Stanislav Martinát studied geography and history at the Faculty of Science, Masaryk University in Brno and received PhD. in Human Geography at the Comenius University in Bratislava. From 2002, he worked at the Institute of Geonics of the Czech Academy of Sciences at the Department of Environmental Geography, first as a doctoral student, later as a researcher and finally as a senior researcher. In addition, he lectured and supervised student theses at the Faculty of Science of the Palacký University in Olomouc, and in recent years he also worked at the James Hutton Institute in Aberdeen and the University of Silesia in Katowice.

Despite his relatively young age, Stanislav Martinát was one of the most productive and the most cited Czech geographers. He is the author or co-author of over 100 peer-reviewed articles, of which more than 70 were published in prestigious journals indexed in the Web of Science database.



At Apache trail, Arizona, 2013

His main area of research interest was the restructuring and diversification of agriculture and the transformation of rural spaces, especially in connection with the energy transition and the renewable energy development. The second sphere of research, in which he made a more significant impact, was the issue of abandoned and vacant sites – so called brownfields – their mapping, spatial analysis, assessment of development potential and methods of their prioritization and regeneration.

Stanislav Martinát was a respected expert not only within Czech geography, but was also recognized abroad, which is evidenced by extensive international cooperation both in the form of large European projects and joint publications with leading geographers and representatives of other scientific disciplines (for example, Prof. Martin Pasqualetti from Arizona State University, Prof. Dan van der Horst from the University of Edinburgh or Prof. Richard Cowell from Cardiff University). In the context of global research on brownfields, Stanislav Martinát was ranked among the most influential authors (see Lin et al., 2019, DOI: 10.1007/s11356-019-05149-3).

Thanks to his scientific enthusiasm, as well as his love for traveling, exploring, gaining new experiences, and healthy self-confidence, Stanislav Martinát received several research scholarships that enabled him to work at prestigious geographical workplaces. In 2016, he worked as a part of the Fullbright Scholarship at Arizona State University in the USA and in 2018–2020 at Cardiff University thanks to receiving a scholarship in the highly competitive COFUND Fellowship competition. He was also a regular participant in the geographical congresses of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) and the British Royal Geographical Society (RGS), where he not only presented his papers, but also co-organized thematic sections and discussions. His foreign internships and experiences

significantly contributed to the development of international cooperation within the Institute of Geonics and the acquisition of several prestigious projects. It cannot be forgotten that as a member of the editorial board he devoted a lot of time and energy to the development and promotion of the Moravian Geographical Reports journal.

In the person of Stanislav Martínát, we are losing not only an excellent scientist, a friendly and kind teacher, but especially a loving and devoted husband and father, friend and comrade with indomitable optimism, modesty and a sense of humor.

Standa, we will miss you.

Your colleagues from the Institute of Geonics