Wu Sugong (13 July 1935–9 March 2013), a Biography and Bibliography

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The world of pteridology has lost an outstanding member with the passing of Professor Wu Sugong on March 9, 2013. Wu Sugong (the name sometimes transliterated as Wu Sukung in the early literature) was born in Taigu County, Shanxi Province, on July 13, 1935. He graduated from Huiwen High School in 1951 and then served in the army until 1955. After this military service, he began working in the herbarium of the Institute of Botany of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) as a trainee, where he studied under the famous Chinese pteridologist, Prof. Ching Renchang (widely considered the father of Chinese pteridology). He was among the best-known pteridologists in China and was also an expert on Himalayan floristics and alpine plants, as well as a noted plant explorer.

Wu Sugong was married in 1979 and had a son in 1982. During that period, he did extensive fieldwork and was away from home much of the time. This led to a divorce in 1990, but he remarried in 1991. He and his second wife, the