

Eve Cockburn

Eve Cockburn (1924-2003) graduated with honors in modern languages from Oxford University (1945), and earned an MA from the same institution in 1958. She regularly wrote on science and health in periodicals and journals, even founding and editing the Dance Newsletter (1969-1974).

In 1973, Eve co-founded the Paleopathology Association, and was a key member until her retirement in 1999. Named as President Emeritus in 2000, she continued providing assistance and advice to other colleagues. Eve Cockburn edited the Paleopathology Newsletter, from 1973 to 1999, and all of the booklets of Abstracts from the Annual Meetings in North America and Europe, with great talent, diligence and organizational skills. She also served on the editorial board of the Journal of Paleopathology. Her participation in North American and European meetings as part of the scientific committee and organization was constant during more than two decades.



Eve's efforts in growing the Paleopathology Association earned her the admiration of all who knew her. She was particularly passionate about the repatriation of human skeletal remains and participated in the PPA committee who developed a standardized osteological database (PPA Skeletal Database Committee 1991). She also wrote numerous papers on mummy autopsies, as well as reviews about paleopathology and International Congresses of the discipline. One of her last works was the book "Mummies, Disease, and Ancient Cultures", coedited with Aidan Cockburn and Theodore Reyman.

Eve's strong and constant dedication over several decades is honored by the Paleopathology Association every year since 2000, by two awards: Eve Cockburn Service Award and Eve Cockburn Mentorship Award.

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