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*In Memoriam***Haakon Brækken****14 April 1902 – 2 July 1982**

Haakon Brækken commenced his studies in 1923 at the Technical University of Munich. The following year he continued his studies at the Institute of Physics at the Technical University of Trondheim, to which he was attached for a period of about 15 years. His special interest was crystallography and the applicability of X -rays. In the middle of the 30's he turned to mining geophysics. He was the founder of Geofysisk Malmleting which was later incorporated in the Norwegian Geological Survey. In the beginning of the 60's he returned to the Technical University to take up courses and research in mining geophysics. He obtained the title of "docent".

Haakon Brækken was a member of DGG from 1961

until, due to bad health, he had to resign. He attended several of the annual meetings and was very actively engaged in all the discussions. It was he who took the initiative to establish *Geoexploration Associates* which publishes *Geoexploration Monographs*. Haakon Brækken was co-editor of the first monograph. Another initiative was the founding of the Scandinavian Applied Geophysics Group, which among other things resulted in the journal *Geoexploration*, where he served as chief editor for several years.

Mining geophysics has by the passing of Haakon Brækken lost one of its "old timers".

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