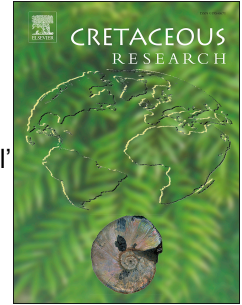


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13 Chris Wood enhanced the world of Cretaceous research for more than 50 years. His British  
14 Geological Survey work helped develop the lithostratigraphy and biostratigraphy used to  
15 build the framework for investigating and then remapping the Chalk in England and Northern  
16 Ireland. In recognition of his work on the English Northern Province Chalk of the  
17 Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Wolds, the Yorkshire Geological Society presented him their  
18 most prestigious award, the John Phillips Medal, in 2015. His knowledge of the Chalk was  
19 also sought and applied to many engineering projects including the Channel Tunnel. In the  
20 international arena his palaeontological studies, in conjunction with the many European  
21 colleagues he corresponded with, contributed greatly to defining Cretaceous Stage and  
22 Substage concepts using a wide range of faunal indices which he also applied to the British

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