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I am sad to say that Professor Chalmers Clapperton died this week. Chalmers was an outstanding undergraduate in geography at Edinburgh and stayed on to do his PhD on the Deglaciation of the Cheviot Hills supervised by Brian Sissons. Chalmers rose to become a world figure in study of Quaternary Glaciation. He was a field worker par excellence and his detailed maps, always perceptive and integrated with sedimentary evidence, have proved to be the building blocks of much research in the southern hemisphere, especially South America, the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia. A pinnacle of his career was the publication of the magisterial Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology of South America in 1993. For the first time this brought together the literature in English, Spanish and Portuguese and to this day remains the first port of call for anyone interested in the Quaternary of South America. He was guest editor of an agenda-changing special issue of Quaternary Science Reviews (1990) on the Quaternary Glaciations of the Southern Hemisphere. A special South American volume of the Journal of Quaternary Science (2000) is a tribute to Chalmers on the date of his retirement due to illness.

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