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## Tribute to Christopher Bouverie-Brine 1946-2007



We are very sad to record that Christopher Bouverie-Brine, a founder member of WISE and a professional mentor to two of its advisory group, lost his battle against pancreatic cancer in August 2007.

Christopher, who in later years ran an independent management consultancy, the Confidens Partnership, had 30 years of operational experience in procurement, marketing, strategic planning and business management, and held senior management positions in corporations in the UK, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. He was for two years Deputy Director of the Centre for Business Strategy and Procurement at the UK's University of Birmingham.

He carried out strategic reviews of the purchasing and logistics functions in Save the Children, Oxfam and UNFPA. His involvement with Oxfam GB began when he was commissioned to undertake a review of the Purchasing and Supply function in 1999/2000, which led to far-reaching changes in structure, strategy, policies and procedures and put these professional functions on the map in a way that had never previously been achieved. He gave Oxfam invaluable management tools and a deep understanding of professional competence that will enable us, over the long term, to manage our business, get value for money for the resources entrusted to us, and increase the impact we have on people living with poverty and suffering.

The regular mentoring he provided, pro bono, for staff including Pamela O'Honde, Rachel Wilshaw and Simon Jennings, has been of lasting benefit to us as individuals as well as in our work for Oxfam.

We would particularly like Ellen, his widow, to know how much we appreciate the continued dedication he showed in his last 18 months, often working in difficult circumstances. Oxfam receives support from many generous donors and volunteers, but the dedication and vision Christopher brought to the mission of both Oxfam and of WISE, were truly exceptional.

Rachel Wilshaw, Purchasing Strategy Manager and Pamela O'honde, Deputy Head of Logistics and Supply, Oxfam GB, October 2007