

Postscript

The preceding preface was finalized by the editors on 25 March 1998. The following day Tomas Hellén was no longer with us. He had collapsed and passed away within hours of having completed his work on the book.

Tomas Hellén was a brilliant young political scientist with a strong interest in comparative politics and East European affairs. As a journalist he had a well developed feeling for style and format not only in his native Swedish tongue, but also in Finnish and English; he was a superb organizer, a hard worker and easy to get along with. He will be sorely missed for years to come by all the individual members of the research group to which he devoted what were to be the last few months of his life.

In retrospect, *The Handbook of Political Change in Eastern Europe* may be seen as a lasting tribute to the life and work of this talented young political scientist.

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