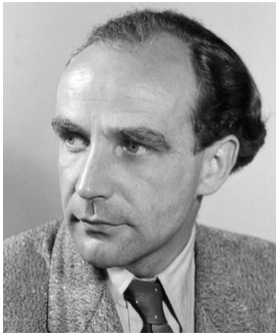


KULS, WOLFGANG (*1920; †2002)

Wolfgang Kuls was born in Königsberg and grew up in Rhein, East Prussia. He had intended to study engineering after finishing school, but instead he was drafted into the military to fight in World War II. He was taken prisoner during the war but, after his release in 1946, he studied biology, botany, chemistry, geology, philosophy and zoology at the University in Frankfurt am Main. His PhD in geography secured him employment as a scientific assistant at the Geographical Institute at the Frankfurt University. In 1954 he participated in the Frobenius Institute's expedition to southern Ethiopia to undertake cultural geographic and phyto-sociological



research, especially on the cultivation of *ensete*. During this trip he met Adolf Ellegard Jensen, Eike Haberland, Helmut Straube and Elisabeth Pauli, with whom he collaborated and conducted joint research. He habilitated in 1958 with a study on the cultural geography of the southern Ethiopian lake region. In 1963 he took up a professorship at the Department of Geology in Bonn, where he continued his agricultural geographic studies in southern Ethiopia. He was consultant and chairman of the geographical evaluation team of the German Research Foundation before he retired in 1985. He died in 2002 in Bonn.