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LUIGI SOLAINI

ISPRS Honorary Member Prof.-Ing. Luigi Solaini died in October 1989 after a long and distinguished career in photogrammetry. At the Lausanne Congress he was elected 12th President of ISP for the 1968-1972 term having served as ISP Council Member during 1964-1968. He served as OEEPE President during 1956-1960 and his leadership was exemplified by his successful efforts in bringing close collaboration and coordination between ISP and OEEPE. In 1980 at the Hamburg Congress he was elected as Honorary Member of ISPRS.

GIOVANNA TOGLIATTI

The well known Italian photogrammetrist, Giovanna Togniatti, passed from our presence on 13 November 1990. Giovanna was a member of the Istituto di Topografia, Fotogrammetria e Geofisica, Politecnico di Milano. She served ISPRS very capably as Treasurer and Council Member during 1984-1988, and as Chair of the Financial Commission to the time of her death.

JÜRGEN HOTHMER

Our friend and colleague Jürgen Hothmer died very unexpectedly on 2 May 1991 at the age of 67 years. He is survived by his wife, Elfriede, one son and one daughter.

Hothmer was Editor in Chief of the ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, a position he held since 1984. He took it upon himself to revitalize the official journal of ISPRS, Photogrammetria. He succeeded in transforming the publication, improved the quality of its contents, restructured its layout, and generated more issues per year than was formerly achieved. He was also greatly responsible for the renaming of the journal.

Born on 11 April 1924 in Hamburg, Hothmer studied surveying at the Technical University of Berlin from 1946 to 1951. His first appointment was as research assistant to Prof. Bertil Hallert in Stockholm. After traveling in Scandinavia, he worked in Morocco and then from 1952 to 1957, as assistant to Prof. Willem Schermerhorn and as a lecturer at the International Training Center in Delft. He worked for two years in the United States for Zeiss Aerotopograph and was then employed at the Technical University of Munich where later he gained his doctorate in 1967.

In 1965-66 he was head of Luftbildtechnik GmbH, Berlin but in 1967 he joined the scientific staff of the Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie in Frankfurt. From 1972 until his retirement in 1989, he was Professor of Photogrammetry, Cartography and Engineering Surveying at the Fachhochschule in Mainz. It was during this time that Hothmer acted as technical adviser in surveying and mapping at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York.

Hothmer played a full and important part in the work of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) and of the German Society (DGPF). He was Secretary of the ISP Commission II (1968-72), President of ISPRS Commission VI (1980-84) and Treasurer of DGPF from 1972-80.

Hothmer was a devoted and enthusiastic person who loved to work. All through his life and professional career he had an international scope. He traveled to many countries and most continents. He was a generous and kind person. We will long remember him.