

ENRICO CLERICI (1939-2012)



Dr.-Ing. ENRICO CLERICI (73) passed away on October 26, 2012 in his new home in Rivergaro / Italy after a long and serious illness. Only a close family circle attended the funeral at the family grave in the hills of the Northern Apennine Mountains. Born in Milan on the 20th of January 1939 he started his career in Uganda before serving in the merchant navy and in parallel studying land surveying by correspondence. In 1967 he started studying at the ITC and was awarded M.Sc. degree from ITC in 1972. In the Netherlands he married his wife Jet and applied successfully for Dutch nationality. Between 1971 and 1975 he headed a project group for developing surveying and mapping software within the Department of Information Processing at Rijkswaterstaat in The Hague. During this time he consolidated his experience with sonar scanning which resulted, in 1976, with his PhD-thesis at the University of Hannover, Germany on the use of side scan sonar for mapping the sea bottom.

In 1975 ENRICO CLERICI became Senior Lecturer at the Department of Surveying at the University of Queensland. After an intermezzo in Germany from 1981 to 1983 he became Head of the Department of Surveying at the Queensland University of Technology, as well as Director of the Australian Key Centre for Geographic Information Systems. At the same time he started his involvement with CARL ZEISS and in 1986 he became the Regional Director (SEA) of the Geodetic and Photogrammetric Division. In 2000 he became Managing Director of K2-PHOTOGRAMMETRY PTE. LTD., Singapore for marketing, consulting and technical service of photogrammetric and mapping systems in Asia.

Enrico was a self-educated person and his strength was the interaction of his ongoing theoretical interest in mathematics and physics with his broad practical experience. He was in particular demand for the complex integration of the various components into robust airborne systems. This combination of his curiosity in theoretical aspects coupled with his enjoyment of practical skills also showed in his hobbies as the picture illustrates.

Enrico Clerici was a good friend to international colleagues and an esteemed and respected expert in eastern Asia, Japan and Australia. Together with his family we mourn his too early passing and we will always have good memories of him.

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