

OBITUARY
PROFESSOR EDOUARD FRANCKX
1907–1988

On February 27, the Honorary President of the International Actuarial Association passed away. Only his most intimate relatives and his dear friends of the 'Résistance de l'Union Fraternelle de l'Armée Secrète' attended the funeral on March 5.

We, his friends in the field of actuarial science, only got every now and then a hint of Edouard concerning his commitment during the Second World War as a fighter for freedom for his native country: the surrender of Belgium in 1940, his first imprisonment, his work as commanding officer of the Résistance, his time in the concentration camp.

For us he personified the kind, charming, concerned chairman of many international congresses between Belgium 1960 and Zürich/Lausanne 1980. He was in particular one of the promoters of the ASTIN idea whose Honorary President he already became in 1957. As far as my knowledge goes, Edouard Franckx



Professor Edouard Franckx on the occasion of the handing over of the presidency of I.A.A.

missed at most only one of the many Astin Colloquia. He was always directly involved in the scientific discussions. Where Edouard Franckx appeared, the most important problem was how to adapt fundamental mathematical ideas to actuarial science. Even last year he strongly supported the creation of the newest intellectual child of the IAA, the finance section. He was not allowed to witness the birth of this child named AFIR which will not take place at the occasion of the congress of Helsinki.

Not only was Edouard Franckx the President of IAA for over 20 years and Honorary President for eight more years. He embodied the formula 'IAA = Edouard Franckx' during his active time. In this way Edouard Franckx will live on for us. That we have to renounce the human being and friend, Edouard Franckx, grieves us very much.

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