

OBITUARY
FOR
PROF. DR.-ING. DR. H.C. MULT. GOTTFRIED KONECNY

(17 JUNE 1930 – 25 JULY 2024)



With our deepest regrets we have the sad duty to inform our members that recently one of our honorary members, Prof. Gottfried Konecny, peacefully passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at the age of 94. We all know that EARSeL was very close to his heart.

Prof. Gottfried Konecny played a significant role within EARSeL (European Association of Remote Sensing Laboratories) which was founded in 1976.

He was elected EARSeL Vice-Chair for two periods (1989-1990, 1991-1992) and EARSeL Chair (1993-1996). Both positions in EARSeL followed Gottfried's presidency in ISPRS (International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (1984-1988).

Prof. Konecny always supported the cooperation among nations and societies which will never be forgotten. He was the editor of *New European systems, sensors, and applications*, 1990, published by EARSeL, Paris. ISBN 2-900898.

Prof. Konecny was elected EARSeL Honorary Member and together with Preben Gudmandsen, one of the EARSeL founders, he regularly participated in the Bureau and Council Meetings. Their wisdom allowed the smooth development of the Association for a couple of generations of remote sensing scientists. Everybody who worked with him appreciated his friendly behaviour, endless help and enjoyed his nice humour on many occasions.

EARSeL is grateful to him for his decades of work.

Our thoughts are with his children and family.

The EARSeL Bureau