

**MICHAEL BOCKHOFF**  
**1943-2014**



Michael Bockhoff passed away on 25 January 2014 in Senlis (France) after a 3 year fight against cancer.

Michael was born in Koenigsberg (Eastern Prussia) and spent his early childhood in Eastern Germany.  
His parents emigrated to the West and finally established in Stuttgart.

In 1973 he got his Diploma of Dr in Physics from the University of Saabrücken, and the next year joined the Research Centre of Pont à Mousson close to Metz to work on industrial and building noise control and develop techniques for valve noise diagnostics.

In 1979 he was hired by CETIM, to work on the development of sound intensity and in September 1981 he organized the first International Senlis conference in that field. This event attracted a very wide community of acousticians to discuss this promising topic and was followed by 3 other meetings up to 1993.

Michael was also strongly involved in low noise design of machine tools, agricultural or earth moving machines, cooling units, lawn mowers... for the French mechanical industries and he used to give renowned courses on the topic in France as well as in Germany.

He participated to several European research projects and was also very active in French and international standardization committees.  
He contributed to the organization and success of several international meetings including Internoise 1988 in Avignon

Michael was a true Germano-French citizen who brought a lot of connections between colleagues in the European noise control community. He was a rigorous minded person with a deep sense of humour.

He leaves his French wife Ghislaine, two sons and five grand children.

Jean Tourret