

Hans Lyklema (1930-2017)



Hans Lyklema was one of the founding fathers of the IACIS. During his active life as a scientist, he published over fourhundred papers and the five-volume textbook "Fundamentals of Interface and Colloid Science." This textbook will still be used by generations of researchers to come.

Hans has given over a thousand presentations in five languages and at five continents. Many of us have met him personally at such an occasion. He will be remembered as a great scientist, an inspiring teacher and a wonderful person.

A personal note of Per Stenius: "I have known Hans since, I believe 1978-79 when I was actively engaged in the creation of IACIS, actually arranging the first meeting of the IACIS council in Stockholm during the 2nd IACIS conference in August. I was then newly appointed Director of the Institute for Surface Chemistry, YKI, and felt rather green among the very distinguished people that met for a long lunch at restaurant Stallmästaregården. I enclose photograph (see below) the participants in that meeting (another picture, from the same meeting, occurs on the IACIS website).

Since then Hans has been a good, now strongly missed friend, who in addition to his seminal contributions to and universal understanding of interface and colloid science also through his humanity and unwavering belief in the importance of fostering contacts and interactions between people all over the world had an impact on the international community of colloid and interface scientists that can hardly be overvalued. Personally, I am forever grateful for his support, in particular during the time I was director of YKI and Council member and President of IACIS. Hans was granted a long and productive life; we mourn him as truly great scientist and as an in every sense great man."

Also to the younger generations Hans was inspirational person. On many occasions he travelled together with the PhD students in Wageningen to scientific meetings all over the world. In 2007 we organised a PhD study trip to Sweden and Denmark. Hans accompanied us for a part of our journey. Below a picture of Hans together with us in Stockholm.



IACIS council, founding meeting, Stallmästaregården, Stockholm, August 1979. On the left picture, from left Per Stenius, Boris Derjaguin, Erwin Wolfram, Aleksej Sheludko, Armin Weiss, Egon Matijevic, Lisbeth Ter Minassian-Saraga. Geoffrey Parfitt, Hans Lyklema, Eiji Suito, Tom Healy.



Hans with Wageningen PhD students (Aernout Martens, Kathelijne Wintraecken, Agata Brzozowska, Saskia Lindhoud, Paulina Skrzyszewska, Joris Sprakel, Hans Lyklema, Marat Charlaganov, Wiebe de Vos, Bart Postmus, Ilja Voets and Bas Hof) on a PhD trip in Stockholm, summer 2007