



Kennert Torlegård, 1937 - 2016

I just saw this shocking news. My thoughts are with his family.

Chen Jun, ISPRS President

I have many fond memories of Kennert from the early 1990s when I would attend Joint Council Meetings with Roy Welch and Kennert was First VP. I will just add that I will always remember him as a man of great dignity and intellect who also balanced his professionalism with an infectious smile and love of celebration with his friends at the end of the day.

Marguerite Madden, 2nd vice President ISPRS

Kennert was the TCV President of the Stockholm Commission V Symposium, which was my first ISPRS event with a paper. We had several discussions together and he was the one who encouraged me to become the Congress Director.

Orhan Altan, ISPRS President 2008 - 2012

Jan and I were also very surprised and saddened to hear the news about Kennert. We can hardly add anything to the compliments to Kennert made by others which reflect his character and commitment, I think that the one thing that stands out that he was a real friend and a gentleman. He was also great fun and Jan and I shared many happy times with him and Margereta when we stayed with them in Stockholm and at other places around the world. I have known Kennert since 1980 when we both joined the OEEPE Steering Committee, and have good memories of him working at KTH and of course socially on many occasions. He will be long remembered as a stalwart of our profession in Europe and internationally. Our thoughts go to Margareta and their family.

Ian Dowman, ISPRS President 2004 - 2008

I am also very much saddened by Kennert's passing. I first met Kennert in 1976 on my way to the Congress in Helsinki. I have stayed in his house several times and enjoyed communicating with him socially and professionally. He was indeed a gentleman and an excellent scientist. I participated in the ISPRS Council while he was SG, and to a certain extent while he was President. He was totally committed to the work of ISPRS while he was SG and President. He took the work of ISPRS to heart and did an excellent job and his work for ISPRS should certainly be celebrated by us all. His passing is a sad loss to the ISPRS community and I am sure beyond ISPRS, since he also participated in many extracurricular activities including playing the French horn in classical orchestras in Sweden, in the past in sailing in his yacht, as well as many others. I salute the achievements of Kennert Torlegård.

John Trinder, ISPRS President 2000 - 2004

It is very sad indeed that Kennert is gone. He was a dear friend, a great colleague, a credit to our profession, and always a gentleman. His contributions to our profession and Society were plentiful and lasting. We will truly miss him. He departs leaving us great memories of many pleasant and rewarding times and travels. Our true condolences to Margareta and his family.

Larry Fritz, ISPRS President 1996 - 2000

I was shocked to know that Kennert passed away so quickly. I started to have close contact with him since I became Congress Director in 1984. He was a pure gentleman and also photogrammetrist. I remember very well two things about Kennert. In 1987, a year before the Kyoto Congress, Gottfried called Kennert and me at 1am at the same hotel in Kyoto and asked us to come to his room. Kennert and I were taught by Gottfried how we have to manage ISPRS properly in "Elephant" way. Since then we were good friends and partners. I also remember very freshly when Taeko and I were invited to stay at Kennert's house in Stockholm. Taeko and Margareta became good friends, and the friendship lasts up to now. They shared the difficulty of the ISPRS president's wife. Kennert kept a European gentleman style while I tried to stay a "Samurai" Japanese. Taeko and I send our sincere condolence to Margareta and family.

Shunji Murai, ISPRS President 1992 - 1996

I still remember Kennert and Margareta, when I saw them last in Stockholm in February 2014. Kennert was in good spirits, he took us to the Art Museum and we had a pleasant dinner in the Gamla Stan.

Gottfried Konecny, ISPRS President 1984 - 1988

I first met Kennert in 1974 at an ISP Commission V Symposium in Washington DC. He had just been appointed to the Chair in Stockholm. Over the ensuing years we often met at similar symposia and developed a friendship which included visits to Kennert and Margareta in 1978 and 1993. In UK, Kennert was a frequent visitor and foreign guest lecturer to the Photogrammetric Society in March 1986 when I was President of the Society. I am sure that Kennert will be missed greatly, both in Sweden and internationally. Margareta is in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith Atkinson, ISPRS Treasurer 1988 - 1992

With Kennert we lose a fine colleague and good friend. My sincere condolences go to his family.

Martien Molenaar, ISPRS Com. VI President 2008 - 2012

Let me to express my condolence to ISPRS, KTH and his family

Luigi Mussio, ISPRS Com. I President 1992 - 1996

Thank you both for passing on this sad news. As you will have understood, many of us will have been touched by Kennert's life and now by his death. It is especially sad for me to hear this. Kennert was probably the very first ISP person to whom I was introduced (by Don Proctor, on a train from Southampton to London, in goodness knows what year long ago). I felt that I knew nothing about ISP then, but I do remember the encounter quite clearly. By the way, Kennert was an Honorary Member of the Photogrammetric Society as well as Fellow of ISPRS.

Paul Newby, ISPRS Fellow

With Kennert we lose a very good friend whom I knew closely since the early 70s. I remember with great joy (and now sadness) our many joint activities within ISPRS, but also at leisure time (e.g. skiing in Lapland). He surely was one of the great personalities of ISPRS, serving the society in many functions. We will miss him, but also remember him as a great scientist and good colleague, in one word: as a great White Elephant. Our thoughts are with his family.

Armin Grün, President ISPRS White Elephants

I am very sad to learn Kennert passed away. My sincere condolences to his entire family.

Sherman S. C. Wu, Member of the ISPRS White Elephants

As President of the Italian Academic Association of Topography and Cartography (AUTEK) and on behalf of my colleagues, I would like to express my deepest condolences for the severe loss of Prof. Kennert Torlegård. It will always remain indelible by us the remind of the valuable effort and commitment he put in his activity as President of ISPRS for the growing of our international scientific community.

Antonio Vettore, President of the Italian Academic Association of Topography and Cartography