

Obituary



Professor Dr. Johannes Aaldert Poulis (1927–2007)

He taught at Technische Hogeschool Delft, Limburgs Universitair Centrum te Diepenbeek (Hasselt, Belgium), University of North Wales (Bangor, Great Britain), Technische Universität Berlin. Since 1958 he was engaged at the Technische Universiteit Eindhoven as a highly gifted pedagogue, very popular for his students. Together with C. H. Massen he developed a new teaching method. By means of 'Knijpertjes' it enabled the students to learn so effective that nearly everyone could succeed in his examinations. Poulis' engagements have been appreciated by the BPM Prize, by the Medal of Honour University Hasselt and by nomination as an Officer in the Order of the Crown of Belgium.

Besides his proper tasks in experimental physics he was interested in many other fields of sciences, in philosophy and in politics as well. As a lover of classic music, he played piano, harpsichord, several flutes, lute and viola da gamba.

Since the 3rd Conference Vacuum Microbalance Techniques 1963, he joined nearly each and contributed many lectures; the first one dealing with investigations obtained with an extremely slow balance and at last describing a method which makes a conventional balance one thousand times faster. Together with C. H. Massen and H. J. van Beckum he organised the 7th ICVMT 1969 in Eindhoven.

We will treasure his memory for a long time.

Carel H. Massen
Erich Robens

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