

IN MEMORIAM

Herbert C. Sachs



It is with great sorrow that we inform the membership of IAVSD and the readers of this Journal of the passing of Herbert Conrad Sachs on February 1, 1987. Dr. Sachs was the first President of IAVSD and, to a very large extent, was the founder of this Association.

It all began with his organization of the First International Conference on Vehicle Mechanics in 1968, which subsequently became the biannual symposia entitled "Dynamics of Vehicles on Roads and on Tracks". The vehicle dynamics research community will be forever indebted to Dr. Sachs for his vision and for his dedication to this Journal which he has served for many years as an Editor-in-Chief.

At the time of his death, Dr. Sachs was Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering, having retired in 1984 from Wayne State University (Detroit, Michigan) where he had served on the faculty for 26 years.

Professor Sachs was born in Chemnitz, Germany, in 1919. In 1941, he received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in Wintertur, Swit-

zerland. After immigrating to the United States in 1947, he joined the Truck and Coach Division of the General Motors Corporation as a senior project engineer. He joined the faculty of Wayne State in 1958.

After arriving in the U.S., Professor Sachs continued to study, receiving a master's degree in 1956. In 1963, he completed a doctorate in mechanical engineering at the Technical University in Braunschweig, Germany.

His wife, Lina Proserpio, preceded him in death. Surviving are a daughter and two sons, all of whom live in southeastern Michigan. The Association extends its deepest sympathy to the Sachs family and wishes to express its sorrow at the loss of a good friend and colleague. The continuing success of IAVSD will serve as testimony to Dr. Sachs' vision and foresight.

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