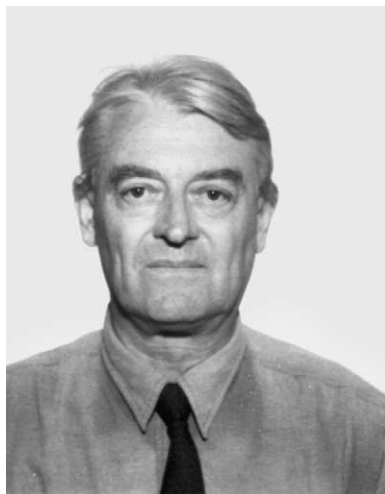


Obituary



Philippe Boch, one of the Editors-in-Chief of *Ceramics International*, passed away on August 28, 2004. Ph. Boch was professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the Université Pierre & Marie Curie and at the Ecole Supérieure de Physique et Chimie Industrielles since 1989, where he was also director of doctoral studies in materials science.

Ph. Boch was born in 1938, and after submission of his Ph.D. thesis in Poitiers, he moved to Limoges, where he contributed to the development of engineering departments and became Vice President of the University. In 1978, he was nominated director of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Céramique Industrielle, which moved from Sèvres, near Paris, to Limoges. He held this position for 6 years.

His scientific activities have concerned materials to a broad sense, ranging from physical metallurgy to ceramic

processes, with a recent shift to bioceramics, castable cements and cementitious materials. He also was very active to promote international cooperations, and belonged to (or chaired) many committees. He was member of the editorial committee of *Interceram*, *Journal of the European Ceramic Society*, and others. He was also a member of the World Academy of Ceramics.

All his contributions were recognized by a number of awards, as the Stuijts award Medal of the European Ceramic Society, and the Distinguished Life award of the American Ceramic Society. He was a strong man with strong opinions always looking for excellence, pushing links between the academic and industrial worlds, always ready to hear and help colleagues. In brief, he was a key member of our community and a perfect gentleman.