

Dear Colleagues,

It is with deep consternation and sadness that I have to share with you that Prof. Dr. Jean Thoma has passed away at his home in Switzerland. Prof. Thoma was one of the moving forces in the past twenty years to promote the technology of Bond Graph Modeling. He inspired generations of young engineers and scientists in many countries. He spoke many languages and travelled all over the world promoting the technology that he believed in and was passionate during this life.



Prof. Thoma is the author of eight books on bond graph modeling. He made a contribution in many areas from hydraulic systems to thermodynamics. In name of ICBGM'2012 (International Conference on Bond Graph Modeling and Simulation), Prof. Francois Cellier and I express our condolences to his wife Rosemary Thoma with whom he lived up to his last days in the city of Zug, Switzerland. Our condolences go also to his two daughters. I spoke to her today and I asked her if she wanted me to convey a message to all of you. She said, that Prof. Thoma would be happy just to know I am sending this message to all of you in the scientific community and to wish him a "good travel and a good reception".

Prof. Jean Thoma was a member of the International Program Committee of ICBGM'2012. We shall honor his memory as we meet for ICBGM'2012 in Genoa, Italy in July. If you want to send Ms. Thoma a card you can. Her address is:

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Sincerely

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