

ROY EMERSON – a tribute

Roy Emerson, who passed away suddenly on 27th December, was a remarkable, kind and generous man who loved life and whose passing leaves a gap in the lives of very many colleagues in all corners of the World.

Roy was the quintessential Environmental Health practitioner and what he achieved during his long and distinguished career marked him as someone special. His greatest achievements came in the field of Housing but, in all other aspects of Environmental Health, he was a person to whom others turned for help and advice. Such help and advice was always given willingly and with a genuine wish to be of assistance.

He was the person to whom the fledgling International Federation turned in 1988 to lead it into the Inaugural World Congress in Sydney, Australia and he set the standard to which every President since has aspired.

Roy, together his wife Dorothy, were regular attenders at IFEH events, particularly World Congresses, right up until 2006 and, although they were unable to be at subsequent gatherings, Roy was always anxious to learn how things had gone and what progress IFEH had made. He was particularly disappointed to be unable to make the return trip to Brisbane in 2008.

I have lost a dear friend and colleague and the international Environmental Health community has lost a loyal supporter and a dedicated champion for its aims.

Michael Halls

Past President