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Roy Emerson

It was with a great deal of sadness that I heard of the passing of Roy Emerson.

Roy was, as you are aware, the Inaugural President of IFEH and I had the great honour to have received the chain of office as President of IFEH from Roy in the Sydney Opera House in 1988 at the Opening of the Inaugural World Congress on Environmental Health. (I have attached a photograph of Roy Emerson on the stage of The Sydney Opera House on that opening day).

I know that Roy was an inspiration to many Environmental Health Officers, not only in his home country but throughout the world, with his wise counsel and vast knowledge. The gift of a decanter and glasses presented to Fay and I by Roy at the opening now have a much greater sentimental value.

He most certainly was an inspiration to me from the first time I met with him in 1986 on our journey to bid for, then promote the Inaugural World Congress and over the many years that followed.

My wife, Fay and I received a delightful Christmas card, made by Dorothy and hand written by Roy together with a photograph of his snow covered home only a matter of a few days before I heard of his passing.

Roy you will be sadly missed by your many colleagues and friends.

Ron Spratt OAM JP
Past President IFEH 1988-1991