



In memoriam: Prof. Erich Plate (1929 – 2019)

Professor Erich J. Plate, the founding father of the International Conference on Flood Management (ICFM) series, passed away on July 22, 2019. He was a visionary scientist, a tireless innovator in hydrologic engineering, and an outstanding professional community leader. He has brought unique contributions to flood risk management from basic theory to various applications. Professor Plate's vision for the ICFM series has been maintained since its inception in 2000: ***“The International Conference on Flood Management (ICFM) offers an international conference platform, hosted every 3 years, to discuss a range of flood related issues and provides a unique opportunity for various specialists including engineers, planners, natural and social scientists, health specialists, disaster managers, decision makers, and policy makers to come together to exchange ideas and experiences.”***

Erich J. Plate graduated from Stuttgart Technical University as a Civil Engineer in 1954 and defended his PhD thesis at the same university in 1964. He was appointed as professor of water resources at Stuttgart University, Colorado State University, and Karlsruhe Technical University where he also directed the Karlsruhe Institute for Hydrology and Water Resources. He was an active member and leader of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research and was honored with award by various scientific and professional institutions.

Until almost his last moments, he remained involved and highly interested in the ICFM activities. The ICFM community honors him, as a founding father, with the *“Erich Plate Best Young Scientist Poster Award”* presented at each ICFM conference. Professor Plate will be missed forever, and his knowledge and vision will continue to guide the ICFM in the future.