



Jean Carteron (1926-2011)

had been trained as a telecommunication engineer in the late 1940s. From 1953 he established scientific computing at Electricité de France. He was one of the few Frenchmen who visited Maurice Wilkes' EDSAC team in Cambridge, UK, to learn about stored-program computers. In 1957, with other computer pioneers, he created the French learned society in this field, with its journal, *Chiffres*. Two years later, he was a key negotiator and organizer of the International Conference on Information Processing Societies, which was the founding event of IFIP. Carteron remained a French representative to IFIP until 1983, when he managed the organization of the IFIP congress in Paris.

In 1963 he had moved to the fast growing sector of computer services, when he had been appointed as CEO of a new company within the SEMA group, to develop operating systems under contract. In 1969 he founded his own company, STERIA, which he chaired until the end of the century, making it one of the leading computer service firms in Europe. In the 1990s, he supported computer history initiatives and wrote a book mixing his personal memoirs with the story of his company: J. Carteron, *STERIA - 30 Ans de Création Continue*, Paris, Le Cherche-Midi, 1999, 191 p. We mourn a wise man, an innovator and an incarnation of business ethics.

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For a short biography, see

<http://www2.computer.org/cms/Computer.org/ComputingNow/computingthen/2010/01/CT-Mounier-Kuhn.pdf>

or <http://www.computer.org/portal/web/csdl/doi/10.1109/MAHC.2010.23>