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IN MEMORIAM Matthijs Herbert van Hoogstraten

On 29 May 1980, the Board of Editors of this Review lost one of its prominent members, Mr. M.H. van Hoogstraten, former Secretary-General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Mr. van Hoogstraten for many years devoted his considerable capacities and great knowledge to the development of private international law. Others will undoubtedly bear witness to his significant efforts and achievements, and his contributions will long continue to be recognized in this branch of the law.

The Board of Editors deplores the loss of a cordial friend and eminent colleague who, from the first issue of this Review, contributed numerous excellent articles and informative surveys of the progress of the work of the Hague Conference on Private International Law. Since he became an Editor, the Board had the benefit of receiving much wise advice, inspired by common sense and vast experience in the world of international organizations.

It was always a pleasure to be in his company. Conversation with him was inspiring and refreshing. He had the special quality of an original insight into problems which often resulted in his suggesting a highly practical solution.

These few words cannot express all he did for this Review, nor reflect the scope of his significance in the field of private international law. We can only express our gratitude at having known him as a friend and colleague. His memory will remain in high esteem. Our warm sympathy is with Mrs. van Hoogstraten and their three sons who have lost a unique husband and father.

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