

Stan Ackermans Institute

editorial

In June 1995, the name of the Eindhoven School for Technological Design IVO has been changed into 'Stan Ackermans Institute'. With this name, Eindhoven University wants to commemorate the institute's first scientific director, who passed away earlier this year.

This is the second time in a relatively short period that the IVO School underwent a name change. In 1986, it was started under the name *Instituut Vervolgopleidingen TUE* (Institute for Continuing Education EUT), abbreviated as I.V.O. Only recently, this name was changed into Eindhoven School for Technological Design IVO. Per June 15th, 1995, the Dutch minister of Education, Culture, and Science granted a requested of EUT and IVO for another name change for the institute into

*Stan Ackermans Institute,
Centre for Technological Design*

In this way, EUT and IVO want to cherish the memory of the first scientific director of the IVO institute, prof.dr. S.T.M. Ackermans, who passed away in March 1995. It is also a token of appreciation and gratitude for his indispensable merits for the Eindhoven post-masters courses in technological design.

In the motivation, the following items are mentioned.

- Prof. Ackermans is the founder of the post-masters courses in technological design as currently given at EUT. Already during his rectorship (1982 - 1985) he devoted himself with great élan to the establishment of these courses.
- From 1986 onwards he was director of the Instituut Vervolgopleidingen TUE (Institute for Continuing Education EUT) and he successfully brought the post-graduate designer courses to development.

- The national, as well as the international reputation of the Eindhoven designer courses are for a large part due to his efforts.
- Although not a designer himself, Ackermans knew how to present in a convincing manner the essence of designing and the designer's habitus of an engineer in numerous lectures and publications in both the industrial and academic world.
- He is the founder and first scientific director of the Eindhoven School for Technological Design IVO.
- He renewed the attention for the legal possibility for Ph.D. promotion based on design and gave a modern meaning to this concept. Stimulation of such promotions is now part of the tasks of the institute.
- He took the initiative to the foundation of a centre for design research within the institute, with as primary goal quality stimulation of the designer courses in the long term.
- He was a man with great scientific knowledge and insight, erudition and wisdom, with great managerial qualities, with a large international scientific reputation, an important innovator in the field of education, etc.

The ministerial decision has on all sides been received with approval and appreciation.

The Stan Ackermans Institute is currently led by scientific director dr.ir. H.M.G.J. Trum. □