

Editorial

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KARL WILLENBROCK

After many years of service and dedication to the cause of engineering education, Karl Willenbrock is no longer among us. Karl had a distinguished career in engineering education, at Harvard, the State University of New York, and the Southern Methodist University. He was executive director of the American Society for Engineering Education after leaving his mainstream academic career. Even well into the age where most of us retire he served in the Engineering Policy Department at Carnegie Mellon University, and then finally in the Technology Analysis section of the US Department of Commerce. He also served on the editorial board of the journal. He initiated the Santa Barbara Conference on 'Making an Engineer, Learning from International Comparisons' in 1992. He edited the special issue of the journal, volume 9 number 1, containing the papers from the conference. Many will miss Karl. I remember him vividly from many personal discussions on the state of engineering education whenever we had the chance to meet at conferences.

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