



## Erik RUDBERG

Society and was to be seen in Rome last year, chairing one of the sessions of the Symposium on the European Great Projects with all the verve and courtesy of former years.

Erik Rudberg spent a full and very fruitful life in science, devoting his scientific research mainly to the physics and chemistry of metals. Educated in Göttingen, London and Boston (MIT) he became professor at Chalmers Institute of Technology in Göteborg in 1940. From 1945, he was the head of the Swedish Metallographic Institute and from 1959-1972 the Permanent Secretary of the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences. For many years he was the chairman and member of the Nobel Committee for Physics — it was he who signed the cables announcing to many scientists their Nobel prize in physics and chemistry. Erik Rudberg was known not only as a scientist and a very able organizer of science and international contacts between scientists. He was a lover of Nature and enjoyed — until the very end — all kinds of physical activity: climbing — he was 67 when he climbed the Matterhorn — skiing, sailing, skating and hiking in the mountains. For many years he was the president of the Swedish mountaineering club and until the end of his life he frequently visited, inspected and took care of the Swedish natural reservation, and the biological and marine-biological stations of the Swedish Academy. It was in the middle of his beloved Swedish countryside that he lost his life.

Swedish scientists are not alone in mourning the death of Erik Rudberg, whose contribution to science and physics and international contacts and understanding in the "Community of Science" will not be forgotten.

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**M. Balkanski**, Director of the Solid State Physics Laboratory of the Pierre and Marie Curie University of Paris, and

**A. Messiah**, Director of the Physics Division at the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique laboratory of Saclay.

Balkanski is currently Chairman of the Board of the EPS Condensed Matter Division. In his election statement he said "it will be long and difficult to build up a real scientific community spanning all Europe, but this should not discourage us from believing in and working for it."

Messiah stated "all countries of Europe are confronted with similar problems in dealing with their research activities in physics now that the period of rapid expansion has ended. EPS is a good place to discuss these problems and help find solutions in keeping with the spirit of fundamental research."

First alternate is A. Budzanowski, Professor of the Institute of Nuclear Physics at the Cracow and Jagellonian University.

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