

## Maurice VERDIER



Maurice G. Verdier received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in geology from the University of Lyon (1958] and MSc in geology from the Institut Français du Pétrole (1962) .

He began his career as a geologist with Sinclair Oil in Algeria. Rapidly specializing in logging techniques, he was appointed as supervisor of exploration wells, in charge of the extension of a Saharan oil field.

As early as 1965, he performed quantitative lithological interpretation of well logs for his company.

Maurice joined the Institut Français du Pétrole in 1967, and worked on log analysis and field studies prior to becoming a professor at the IFP school in 1974. He has taught well logging and well-site geology to more than 2000 students and attendees of many open and in-house continuous education courses.

During fifteen years, Maurice chaired many Technical Working Groups of the French Oil and Gas Association. He was also a consulting member of the ODP French Group.

Maurice has been active in the SPWLA Paris Chapter as early as 1970. Continuously elected to the Chapter Board as Vice-President from 1976 to 1986, he served as Chapter President from 1986 to 1989. He participated in the organization of the European Symposia held in Paris in 1977, 1980 and 1984, and was the General Chairman the 1989 Paris Symposium. He initiated the SPWLA bylaw change, approved in 1984, to introduce the election of the Directors-at-Large on a regional basis. Elected to the SPWLA Board as DAL (1985-1986), he was also a member of the Publication Committee (1985-1989), of the Technical Committee (1987}, many times of the Award Committee, and of the Nomination Committee for the 1989 SPWLA Board. He participated in the creation of the SPWLA foundation and obtained his Chapter's approval to establish a Paris Chapter Scholarship.

Maurice retired in December 1990 after 28 years in the oil business. He was appointed honorary President of the Paris Chapter. In 1989, the SPWLA Board approved his proposal to organize the 1995 Annual SPWLA Symposium in Paris. He chaired the organization committee until 1993 when he was obliged to resign for family reasons.

He received the Gold medal for Career Service at the 36<sup>th</sup> SPWLA Symposium hold in Paris in June 1995.