



Michael Duffy

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Michael was born in Burnley, Lancs. UK. He attended the local school and Grammar School in Blackburn before proceeding to the University of Edinburgh where he obtained a M.Sc. for post graduate research into strategic Technology and a Ph.D. doctorate for a thesis on Ether and Relativity.

From 1969 to 2001 he gave lectures on engineering and history of science and technology at the University of Sunderland.

He devoted his life to the development and promotion of the engineering and scientific method.

Michael Duffy wrote more than 50 articles published in the journals on engineering history and philosophy of science and technology, railway engineering.

He is the author of the book "Electric Railways".

He organized international conferences on the Physical Interpretations of the Theory of Relativity and conferences for the Newcomen Society (The International Society for the History of Engineering and Technology) on contemporary art.

His personal contribution to the development of international relations and the support of scientists working in the field of theory of relativity, astrophysics and cosmology and other fields of science is invaluable.

His simplicity (democracy) and accessibility in communication, ability to speak clearly, wide knowledge and irreproachable personality attracted scientists from different countries.

Despite a long illness with MND he continued to support international colleagues and scientific research via internet analysis.