**Honorary president Georges HOX (\*01.01.1923 - +28.11.2015)**

Goodbye Georges, Farewell Georg

On November 28, 2015 Georges HOX passed away after a fulfilled life, many decorations that have been awarded to him by highest Belgian, American, Austrian, French and Russian authorities are the testimony.

A moment of intense emotion for us all.

Georges HOX served the European union of judges in commercial matters since their establishment on June 9, 1989 in Strasbourg/France, he was the founding president.

With conviction and an accomplished sense of duty, he traced a beam of light by turning into reality the dreams of a "great" European, deeply attached to the values of our humanistic tradition and the basic principles of law.

Based on this source Georges HOX found at himself the best inspiration to discern the directions to take into account for our young association, to recommend the means to implement and to maintain the course when uncertainty or adversity took the risk of antagonising its advances.

As the end of his presidency occurred on August 30, 1997, the achievements of Georges HOX had gone far beyond what he could hope for or design for when taking office. The acceleration of the "European" history has led him to start many activities in which he has engaged himself with dynamism and pugnacity.

In his capacity as honorary president Georges HOX continued to benefit from his experience and followed with particular attention the European issues.

Moderation, vision, patient loyalty and constructive criticism were the valuable qualities to lead our association over the years to adulthood. His choices and his initiatives will have an indelible mark on the life of the European union of judges in commercial matters.

I conclude my obituary by also paying tribute to Jenny, his mourned wife (+2011), who shared with him the constraints rendered by frequent travels required by a function that Georges HOX has assumed with "heart" and courage.

Thanks to your unwavering commitment, the activities of our association are today recognised and appreciated by the highest European authorities. Together we have shared some highlights in our existence.

Thank you!

Pierre GOETZ

(Honorary president of the EUJC) Strasbourg/France December 2015

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