Jan M. Romijn (1932–2020)

We have lost a dear friend and colleague. AES Fellow Jan M. Romijn passed away on August 1, 2020 in Geldrop, the Netherlands. He was 88 years of age. Jan was born and raised in The Hague. After completing his military service, he joined the staff of Philips Electronics in Eindhoven, where he started his career in the Acoustics Department. He was, among others, involved in early experiments with electronic reverberation systems to enhance the listening experience of large auditoriums.

Later he became manager of the Building & Engineering division, where he managed the acoustical team. His team was specialized in designing and engineering sound insulation and acoustics in complex constructions such as theater, cinema, audio laboratory, and other rooms that have special acoustical requirements. Romijn’s team developed new methods for noise control to bridge the complex gap between architecture and acoustics. By merging both specific competences in the early phase of construction, significant improvements in room acoustics and noise control were accomplished.

After his appointment to General Manager, in 1982, he became involved in the organization of large international integrated projects such as the World Exhibitions, Olympic Games, and so on. He contributed, among others, to the Public Address system of the Olympic Games in Seoul, 1988 and the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Concert Hall in Taipei. Up until today the results of his work are still visible and audible in numerous buildings around the globe.

He joined the start-up company Turing Machines Inc. in 1999 as vice president, where he was able to commercialize its intellectual property.

He was an AES member for almost five decades and served the AES Netherlands Section for eight years. He was named an AES Fellow in 2005 for contributions to building acoustics and service to the AES Netherlands Section. He was a member of all five organizing committees of AES Conventions held in the Netherlands: Eindhoven 1983, Amsterdam, 1994, 1998, 2001, and 2003.

We will dearly miss Jan as a very competent engineer, and most of all as a wonderful friend. He is survived by his wife Tine, children and grandchildren, whom we offer our warmest sympathy.

Kees A. Schouhamer Immink,

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Audio Precision’s Tom Kite Advancing Audio Scholarship: Hyunjoung Yang attending University of Miami, Frost School of Music, Coral Gables, FL, USA

Dolby Institute Scholarship: Jacob Melchi attending University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, USA

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L-Acoustics’ Dr. Christian Heil Future of Sound Scholarship: Dora Filipovic attending University of Surrey, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Surrey, England

PMC Sound for the Future Scholarship: Ausma Lace attending McGill University Schulich School of Music, Montreal, Canada

Emil Torick Award: Andrew Bohman attending the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

John Eargle Award: Matthew Cheshire attending Birmingham City University, Birmingham, England

Bruce Swedien Scholarship: Mie Hirschfield attending McGill University Schulich School of Music, Montreal, Canada

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Mary Lea Simpson Memorial Scholarship: Téa Mottolese attending Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

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AES Educational Foundation Scholarship: Alexander Dobson attending McGill University Schulich School of Music, Montreal, Canada

AES Educational Foundation Scholarship: Ayla Favati attending New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, New York, New York, USA

AES Educational Foundation Scholarship: Claudia Nader Jaime attending University of York, York, England

AES Educational Foundation Scholarship: Julian Neri attending McGill University Schulich School of Music, Montreal, Canada

AES Educational Foundation Scholarship: Ben Payne attending University of Plymouth, School of Humanities and Performing Arts, Plymouth, England

AES Educational Foundation Scholarship: Daniela Pardo Quintana attending Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia

AES Educational Foundation Scholarship: Kathleen Zhang attending McGill University Schulich School of Music, Montreal, Canada

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