

## EPE Awards Ceremony 2009 – The Gaston Maggetto Medal



*Left to right: Prof. Philippe Lataire and Mrs. Christiane Maggetto-Berlanger receiving the first “Gaston Maggetto” medals from Prof. Jean-Luc Thomas, president of the EPE awards committee.*

During the Gala evening of EPE 2009, the EPE Award ceremony took place. Several Awards were presented.



The 1st Gaston Maggetto medal was symbolically given to his widow, Mrs Christiane Maggetto-Berlanger and the 2nd was bestowed on Prof. Philippe Lataire as a recognition of his constant implication in the action of EPE since the very beginning, before the first EPE Conference took place in 1985 in Brussels

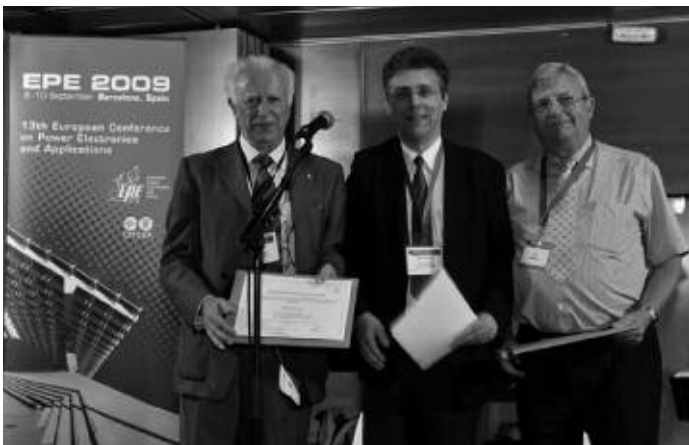
The 2009 EPE Outstanding Achievement awards were bestowed on Paolo Ferraris:

- for being at the founding of EPE,
- for having served the Association as president,
- for constant support of the activities of EPE,

and on

Roger Bassett:

- for having served the Association as president, treasurer and chapter chair,
- for constant support of the activities of EPE.



*Left to right: Prof. Paolo Ferraris, Prof. Jean-Luc Thomas and Dr. Roger Bassett*

### 2009 EPE Outstanding Achievement Award

The 1st EPE Outstanding achievement Award was bestowed on Prof. Jean-Paul Louis.

By these awards, the EPE Association Executive Council and Power Electronics Community expressed their gratitude for the lifelong support and inspiring contribution to the EPE Association and field of Power Electronics

*left to right: Prof. Jean-Paul Louis and Prof. Marcel Jufer*



On the occasion of the awards, Prof. Jean-Paul Louis remembered some milestones of the history of EPE:

## «I remember» / «Memories»

In the late 70s, a great French writer Georges Pérec, wrote a famous book which was a series of short memories listed under "*Je me souviens*" literally: "*I remember*" - but the book has been translated into English under the title "*Memories*". I found in my memory few short and very personal "*Memories*" on EPE.

**Late 70s, Nancy:** the CONUMEL conference (created by Prof. Jean-Claude Sabonnadire) seeking members for its scientific committee.

*I remember* having advised to ask to Prof. Werner Leonhard to participate.

*I remember* going to the German Consulate in Nancy, where I quickly found the business address of Prof. Leonhard. It was Prof. René Husson of (INPL) Nancy who made initial contacts because he spoke German.

## In 1977, Düsseldorf:

*I remember* Prof. Gaston Maggetto and Prof. Philippe Lataire helping young attendees to locate themselves in the huge city of Germany. I discovered that Prof. Maggetto speaks perfectly many languages.

**Twenty years later, in 1996, Budapest:** I found again the language skills of Prof. Gaston Maggetto during important negotiations with Prof. Istvan Nagy and our colleagues from PEMC.

Then, the PEMC conferences became the EPE-PEMC conference.

**Ten years later, in 2005, in Dresden:** my very young colleague Dr. (Mr) Nicolas Patin presents its first international paper in the largest theatre of the university.

*I remember* the first person who asked him a question was Prof. Włodzimierz Koczara. One year later, Prof. Koczara was in Paris: as a member of the PhD committee of Dr. Nicolas Patin.

**Back to 1977, Düsseldorf:** I presented a paper done with my research team (with Dr. A. Oumamar and Prof. A. A. El-Hefnawy) on the use of microprocessors for control of converters.

*I remember* that only one second paper of the congress dealt with this area – it was by Prof. Horst Grotstollen. Prof. Werner Leonhard cites our paper in the bibliography of his famous book "Control of Electrical Drives".

**In 1985, Brussels:** I remember the first EPE conference, and the concert in the beautiful rooms of the City Hall on the "Grand Place", with Mrs. Christiane Maggetto.

**In 1989, Aachen:** I am not present, for a single time, at an EPE conference.

*I remember* a terrible back pain prevents me from carrying suitcases and travelling. It was research engineer Joseph Maire who submitted our works.

**In 1996, Budapest:** *I remember* a discussion (on a boat on the Donau) with Prof. Walter Schumacher. Following this discussion the topic "Control" was created. Prof. Greg Asher and myself have chaired it during ten years (from 1997 to 2007).

*I remember* the work of selecting papers during hard workdays organized by Mrs Brigitte Sneyers, Ms Nancy Langsberg and Mr Philippe Hamacher at the Vrije Universiteit of Brussels.

*I remember* being assisted in this work by Prof. Joan Peracaula, Prof. Jean-Luc Thomas and Dr. Jouko Niiranen.

## In 2006, in Portoroz:

*I remember* my young colleagues, Prof. Eric Monmasson and Prof. Benoît Robyns who presented a special session (which involved Prof. Alfred Rufer) which will produce a special issue of EPE Journal in January 2008 on "Innovative Concepts of Generating Systems with Energy Management"

## And many other very brief memories

**Sevilla in 1995,** Prof. Werner Leonhard proposed an exam at the bottom of his poster to Dr. Jens Barrenscheen from Infineon, one of his former students from Braunschweig University, who had asked him to participate in his PhD committee in France.

**Lausanne in 1999,** the EPE conference organised by Prof. Yves Perriard succeeding Prof. Marcel Jufer.

**Trondheim in 1997,** Prof. Tore Undeland welcoming us to the south of the Arctic Circle (which means: "under pouring rain").

**Graz, in 2001,** *I remember* a discussion with Prof. Domenico Casadei chaired by Prof. Emil Levi.

**Toulouse, in 2003:** *I remember* the conference organized by Prof. Bernard de Fornel, with its thousand participants.

Two years ago, in 2007, in Aalborg, the conference organized by Prof. Frede Blaabjerg: for a whole afternoon I presented my poster on an electrical generation system for aircraft. I spoke using my very poor English with Germans, Americans, Koreans, Scandinavians and I left exhausted.

*I remember* then, long time ago, in Nancy, I saw Prof. Marcel Jufer exhibiting a set of studies on the sensorless control of synchronous actuators. It was a very original poster presenting only one figure: a huge diagram – similar to a genealogical tree – highlighting at least eight different methods. I was very impressed!

**Here and now, 9 September 2009,** in Barcelona, I wish to thank Prof. Joan Peracaula, Dr. Enrique Dede and Prof. Antoni Sudria.

I can express my pride at belonging to a dynamic and enthusiastic community of experts. All these memories are many meetings with people I am very happy to have known through EPE Conferences!

*Finally, I would like to address my many thanks to everybody for this award.*

Prof. em. Dr. Ing. Jean-Paul Louis  
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## EPE Outstanding Service Award, previous recipients:

### 2005:

Prof. Werner Leonard  
Prof. Gaston Maggetto  
Prof. Bernard de Fornel

### 2007

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