



REST IN PEACE, ALAN PRIEN

Message from President Jerry Barton on behalf of FAFICS

On behalf of FAFICS, we would like to celebrate the ways that Alan Prien touched our lives and, through his work, the lives of all UN system retirees, far beyond Rome.

Alan was a true professional. He worked fairly and accurately to support retirees' issues.

Over the years, he served as a FAFICS representative to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, and as a FAFICS Vice-President, and as Presiding Officer for our annual Council meetings, as well as ably representing FFOA at these Councils.

We remember him as a wonderful colleague, and, for several of us, as a personal friend. He had a wealth of knowledge, which he used to all our benefit. But most of all, he was recognized by all of us as kind and open, and simply (or perhaps not so simply) a good person.

We are all better because of Alan's life and service. He will be missed.

Our condolences to his wife and family. May they know that his life and

contributions are cherished. Rest in Peace, Alan.

On behalf of FAFICS,
Jerry Barton, President

Message delivered by Marco Breschi at Alan Prien's funeral service

Alan and I met the first time as participants in the FAO/WFP Pension Committee and Medical Advisory. I was the organization Secretary and he was already the IFAD/FAO Representative of retirees. It was liking and respecting each other at first sight.

Together we worked well for the good of Rome-based retirees and we made some good progress. As I was approaching retirement myself, I had some ideas of what I wanted to do to help others, someone suggested I was good at counseling. One day Alan and another fellow retiree, Giorgio Eberle from FAO, came to my office with a very kind letter addressed to me. They were asking me to join FFOA which I barely knew what it was. I said yes without realizing that I was getting myself into a lot of after retirement work. Alan was so convincing that I could not refuse.

It was the beginning of a long period (11 years) of good feelings, good cooperation and achievements. Alan was my mentor, my teacher (most of what I know I have learned from him). He was elected President of FFOA and I became General Secretary, always thanks to his support. Thanks to Alan stewardship, knowledge and diplomatic style, it was a very good and fruitful cooperation. Alan was my great supporter and only recently I realized how strongly he was secretly campaigning for me to become President of FAFICS.

Not only FFOA, but Alan was very active and well known and respected in the International federation of retirees, FAFICS, representing some 60 "FFOA's" around the world. There he took a number of high level positions such as VicePresident and Representative of the Federation in the UN Pension Board making good progress again for the good of retirees worldwide. Alan was also a much respected Presiding Officer of FAFICS Councils on several occasions, a position requiring analytical abilities, diplomatic skills and capacity to balance and summarize complex issues. Alan was liked and appreciated by so many people in Vienna, Geneva, New York and in other locations worldwide as well as in the Pension Fund itself.

Alan career prior to his retirement speaks for itself with all the prestigious positions he took with IFAD (Director of Human Resources), the Canadian Government, and the UN in difficult areas such as the Middle East.

Above all, Alan was a decent person, dedicated to the wellness of others. He was a good man. We will miss him dearly.

Rest in Peace Alan.