

Events, research and development in Belgium

January - June 2004

1. Retirement of Prof. Quinet

"L' important n' est pas ce qu' on fait de nous, mais ce que nous faisons nous-mêmes de ce qu' on a fait de nous."

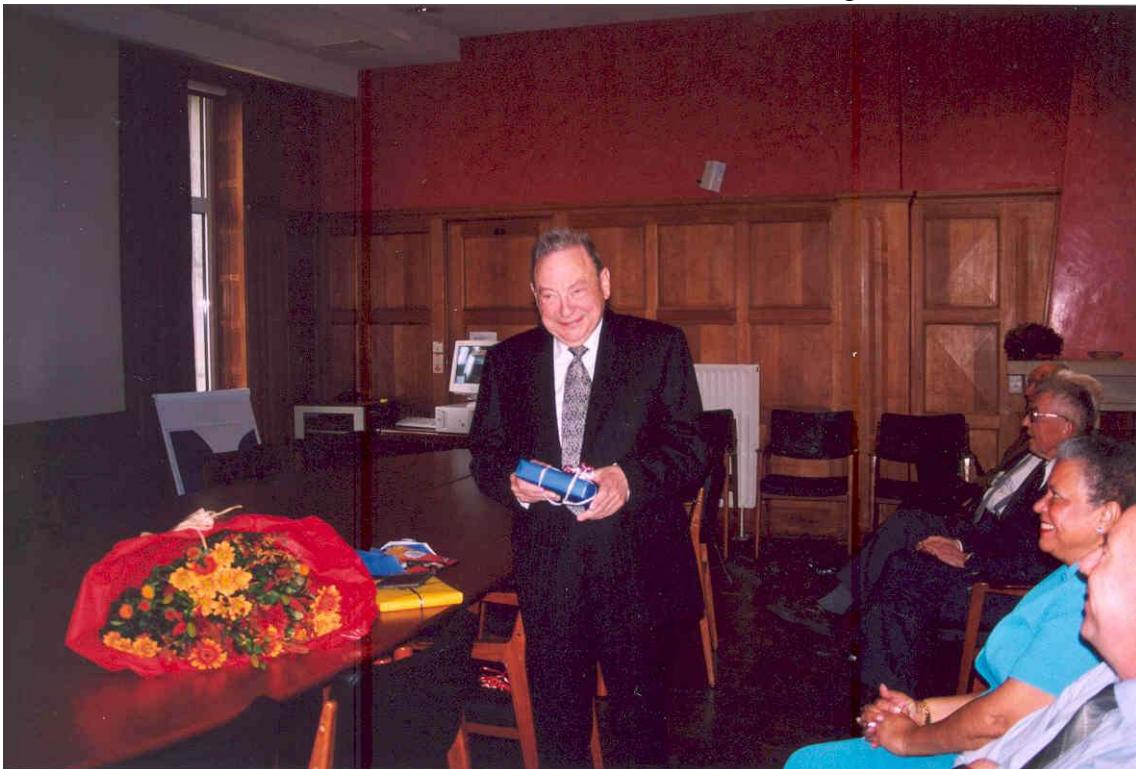
Jean-Paul Sartre

Speakers Corner or Variations in Time on a Theme :

On May 1st, 2004, Professor Dr Alfred Quinet retired as Head of the Meteorological Research and Development Department of the Royal Meteorological Institute of Belgium. "Alfred", as he is known by his friends, has been the initiator and inspiring leader of the Belgian ALADIN team ever since Météo-France and RMIB signed a MoU in October 1996.

Without his knowing, a scientific workshop was organized on May 7th, 2004, by Mrs. Béatrice Libioulle, secretary of the Research Department, to honour Prof. Dr Alfred Quinet for his longstanding scientific work and outstanding achievements. Many of his Belgian and French colleagues happily volunteered to bring an appropriate contribution to the selected themes that were divided as follows :

- From the physics of the atmosphere to applied meteorology or the time of the meteorologist;
- Between Parmenides and Heraclites or the time of the climatologist.



To name only those contributions dealing with ALADIN, it was Jean-François Geleyn, who opened the session with the sparkling subject "*ALADIN, or how to try bringing together scientific policy and international politics*". Piet Termonia followed by expressing his vision of the present and future of the Belgian ALADIN project. Josette Vanderborcht and Jean Neméghaire provided an overview of the weather forecast and modelling with respect to ALADIN. Serge De Ryck, former legal advisor at RMIB, concluded with the fireworks titled "*The retirement of Alfred Quinet or the indisputable change of climate*".

The Director of RMIB, Dr. Henri Malcorps, has asked Prof. Quinet to further contribute to the tasks of the ALADIN-Belgium research team for both the scientific aspects and its international representation.

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2. ALADIN-2

See the presentations of Bart Catry, Alex Deckmyn, Luc Gerard and Piet Termonia at the 14th ALADIN workshop and the list of publications :

http://www.zamg.ac.at/workshop2004/ibk_2004.html &



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