

In memory of Gerhard Müller  
(25 February 1950 – 6 November 2013)



Gerhard Müller, who was the European Editor of *Progress in Computational Fluid Dynamics (PCFD)*, sadly passed away on November 6, 2013 at the age of 63.

Gerhard was also one of the founding editors of *International Journal of Computer Applications in Technology (IJCAT)* and edited several CFD special issues of this journal, before PCFD started. He was a member of the NAFEMS steering committee for Germany, Austria and Switzerland and he led the German CFD advisory board. At the same time, he was an active member in several NAFEMS working groups and a member of the editorial board of the NAFEMS DACH Online Magazine. He authored a number of books and numerous articles on computational solid and fluid mechanics.

He made his professional acquaintance with the numerical methods in the year 1976, as he started as a young engineer working for the company KWU (Kraftwerk Union AG) in Erlangen, Germany, which was a subsidiary enterprise of Siemens AG. Until his retirement in 2013, he was employed by Siemens AG in Germany and continued to act in the field of computational methods in different

departments of the company. Following his retirement, he founded his own company 'cae concept' and remained active as a consultant.

During his whole career, he was full of enthusiasm and a desire to make a difference in the field, especially in industrial applications of the computational methods. He worked hard to bring together people working in different disciplines and different geographical regions to encourage communication and the sharing of knowledge and ideas, and was almost always very successful. Gerhard did not sit on the sidelines and simply observe or let activities pass him by, he was an active participant and open to learning about new technologies and never went out without either a laptop or smartphone to be able to work.

It is just a sad, and, on the other hand, perhaps, a meaningful coincidence that this obituary appears in the present special issue of PCFD on FSI, which was edited by Gerhard, and for which he intended to write an editorial.

We will miss him and offer our condolences to Gerhard's family.