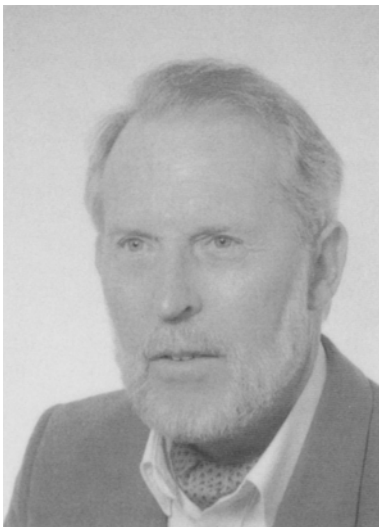


## *Obituary*

### **Erich Wedler**



Obituary for Mr. Erich Wedler, Dipl. Ing., President of CIFA from 1987 until his recent death in Vienna on 8th October 1990, where he was taken seriously ill during the 12th ISB Congress.

Mr. Wedler was born in Kappeln/Schlei in Schleswig-Holstein, FRG, on 16th September 1926. He visited the "Humanistisches Gymnasium" in Berlin Zehlendorf from 1937 to 1944 and obtained his "Abitur" in 1946.

In 1946 he began to study electrotechnics at the Technical University in Berlin, specializing in the fields of telecommunications, high frequency technics, and theoretical electronics. There he met Prof. Winckel who ar-

oused his interest in bioclimatology. During a five months study in 1952 Mr. Wedler pursued this subject in the Medical-Bioclimatic Institute in Riederau/Ammersee (upper Bavaria) with Dr. med. M. Curry and Dr. phil. H. Lueder. In 1953 he received his diploma in engineering from the Technical University Berlin.

From 1954 to 1959 Mr. Wedler worked in the meteorological observatory in Hamburg in the working group "Medizin-Meteorologie" as scientific assistant, in the special field of atmospheric impulse radiation.

On June 15 1959 he joined Prof. Scherhag of the Medicine-Meteorological Department in the Meteorological Institute at the Free University Berlin. From 1971 he lectured on Biometeorology at the Free University. During this time he was working on several projects, like e.g. "The medical-meteorological test year" – in cooperation with 42 hospitals in West-Berlin. Another comprehensive study with medical doctors dealt with "Immissions and impact of weather on diseases of the upper and lower respiratory tract of children in West-Berlin" (1979–1982).

From 1987 till his death Mr. Wedler maintained the posts as president of "CIFA" = Comité International de Recherche et d'Etude de Facteur de l'Ambiance, and as Vice President of the Center for allergic illnesses, environment and pollen information service of the Free University in West-Berlin.

Mr. Wedler died in Vienna on October 8, 1990. He will be remembered by his many friends and colleagues of the International Society of Biometeorology.

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