

IN MEMORIAM

INGVAR STERNBERG

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Still another of ASTIN's fathers has left us. Ingvar Sternberg was very active when ASTIN was formed and his enthusiasm was supported by his Swedish colleagues both in Madrid 1954 and in New York 1957 at the Actuarial Congress when ASTIN was officially recognized. He served as a member of the board of ASTIN and of the Swedish Actuarial Society.

Ingvar had been employed by three of the four groups which now form the SKANDIA in the capacity of non-life actuary and later as life actuary. On top of this he served as head of the "Central Office for Swedish Fire Claim Statistics", some results of his work there being published at the ICA in 1957 under the title "An Attempt to Find an Expression for the Distribution of the Fire Damage Amount".

He was one of the pioneers in the non-life actuarial field. On one hand he was fighting fire managers and engineers who refused to recognize the importance of proper statistical studies as one basis for sound rating. On the other hand, being a practical statistician, he was critical of the "integral boys" who liked to publish purely theoretical exercises with little bearing on the present or future problems of our industry.

Ingvar Sternberg will be remembered for his generous nature, for always being ready to support his younger colleagues and for being the heart and soul of any company. We remember him gratefully.

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