

IMPI Mourns the Loss of President Bob Schiffmann

Dear Colleagues:

It is with much regret that we are writing to share with you that IMPI's beloved President, Bob Schiffmann, has died. Bob passed away on September 4, 2021 following a short illness, surrounded by his loving family.

As many of you know, for over 50 years, Bob was a pioneer in the Microwave & RF Energy industry. A Fellow of IMPI, Bob joined the Institute in 1967, one year after it was founded. He served as President of the Board for over 22 years, in addition to holding various other leadership positions over his tenure. Bob loved leading IMPI and was an integral part of its growth and relevance right up until his last days.

Trained as a physical chemist, Bob spent 11 years working in R&D, before embarking on a 50-year career as a leading microwave heating consultant, and more recently, an expert witness. He held 28 US patents, chaired over 20 international conferences and was the co-author of several books. One of Bob's greatest loves was teaching. For well over 40 years, he led international courses on all aspects of Microwave and RF Technology.

Aside from his IMPI family, our sister organizations around the world join in offering condolences. Bob was a Founding Member of AMPERE, an Honorary Member of the Microwave Technology Association of the UK, a former Vice President of the Microwave Working Group and frequent lecturer at the Chinese Association of Microwave Power Applications and the Japan Society of Electromagnetic Wave Energy Applications. Bob was also the first recipient of the *Metaxas Microwave Pioneer Award* for his work in microwave power applications for industrial and consumer applications, awarded the *AMPERE Gold Medal* for lifetime achievements in microwave technology, and was an Honorary Professor of the Kunming University of Science and Technology in China.

The International Microwave Power Institute will celebrate Bob's extraordinary life and achievements in the near future. In the interim, we ask that you please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

The IMPI Board of Governors