

Edmond Malinvaud, ISI Honorary Member and former ISI President (1979 – 1981), passed away on March 7, 2015.

Born in 1923 in Limoges, in the South-West of France, he was a major figure in French official statistics and a world-renowned economist. He started to work in 1946 with INSEE, the French National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies, after having graduated from two French high-level academic institutions, the Ecole Polytechnique and the ENSAE (Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique). During his long professional career, he was director of ENSAE, director of Economic Forecasting at the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Director General of INSEE from 1974 to 1987, and finally Professor at the prestigious College de France, where he held the Chair of Economic Analysis from 1988 to 1993. In addition to his ISI Presidency, he was also President of the 'Société de Statistique de Paris' in 1974 and chair of the National Organizing Committee of the 47th ISI Session held in Paris in 1989.

Edmond Malinvaud was a brilliant econometrician, tireless educator, and the author of numerous books and articles in mathematical economics. During his career in the public service, he played a major role to embody the independence of statisticians and the integrity of statistics, personally ensured the rigor and quality of published data and economic studies, but also showed a demanding benevolence that marked all those who approached him in his duties.

ISI members and statisticians from all countries will miss Edmond Malinvaud.