Bernard Van Cutsem passed away on the 1st of July 2018. Born in 1932, he had held academic positions in Caen, then Grenoble as a professor of statistics at the Université Joseph Fourier, until his retirement in 1997. Specialist of non-parametric statistics, he penned several authoritative books on the subject. He took an important part in the structuration of Statistics in France. He chaired the Association des Statisticiens Universitaires, who merged later on with the Société de Statistique de Paris to become the Société Française de Statistique. He was editor-in-chief of the Revue de Statistique Appliquée for quite a long time. Strongly committed to his university, he took important administrative charges. Until the end of his carrier, he devoted a large part of his time to the creation of new courses, the elaboration of syllabuses, and the preparation of his lectures. Bernard was also passionate about music and a talented instrumentalist; he played the piano and the flute, as a soloist or in chamber orchestras, together with his friends and his wife Francine.

Bernard Van Cutsem leaves us the memory of a colleague committed to his discipline, his university, and his students; we also remember him as a hearty and devoted friend.

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