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RICCO MATTESICH SELECTED AS LIFE MEMBER

The by-laws of The Academy permit two classes of members: regular and life. They stipulate that "Scholars of distinction in accounting history may be designated life members. Selection of such members shall be made by a committee of members and Trustees appointed by the President of the Academy and its recommendation shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees." During 1992, Richard V. Mattesich, Arthur Andersen & Company Emeritus Professor of the University of British Columbia, was selected as the eighth life member of The Academy of Accounting Historians.

Professor Mattesich has held tenured professorships in Austria, Canada, Germany, and the United States. His name is on over a dozen books, as well as, on more than 130 published papers. He is a Ford Foundation fellow, a distinguished Erskine fellow (New Zealand), a Killam Senior fellow (Canada), and a member of two national academies (Austria and Italy). In 1972 he received the Award for Notable Contribution to Accounting Literature (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) and, in 1991, the Haim Falk Award for Distinguished Contribution to Accounting Thought (Canadian Academic Accounting Association).

Dr. Mattesich was born in Trieste but grew up in Vienna, where he earned a degree in engineering, a degree in business administration, and a doctoral degree in economic science (1945). For over ten years he practiced as an engineer, accountant, internal auditor, and economist. Until recently, he held the designation of Chartered Accountant. He is an editorial associate or on the editorial board of major business journals in Argentina, Canada, Italy, Poland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

While he has published extensively in various academic fields, his contributions in the area of accounting history date from 1964 and continue to the present. Notable among them are: Accounting Research during the 1980s and Its Future Relevance (1991), Modern Accounting Research: History, Survey, and Guide (1984), and Accounting and Analytical Methods (1964).

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"If any one tells you that such a person speaks ill of you, do not make excuse about what he said of you, but answer: 'He was ignorant of my other faults, else he would not have mentioned these alone.'"

—Epictetus