

Obituary: Adolf Sprudz

Many of you will have seen the note of the death of Adolf Sprudz announced on Lis-Law. To those of us who are or have worked in academic law librarianship, Adolf Sprudz was one of the leading scholar/librarians of his generation, who produced some seminal guides to international law in general and treaties in particular. I am reproducing part of the notice below:

Adolf Sprudz, Foreign Law Librarian and Lecturer in Legal Bibliography Emeritus at the University of Chicago Law School suffered a fatal heart attack on February 12, 2003.

Mr Sprudz had a long and distinguished career as a foreign and international law librarian at the University of Chicago Law School, where he developed one of the premier foreign and international law collections in the US. He was a leader among a generation of foreign and international law librarians after World War II who were responsible for the collections and expertise that now exist in the US. He also worked at Northwestern University Law Library and the University of Illinois Law Library.

Adolf Sprudz was a founding member of the International Association of Law Libraries in 1959 and an active member of the American Association of Law Libraries. He served on the IALL Executive Board for many years and was elected an IALL life member. He is best known for his work on treaty research and his UST Cumulative Indexing Service is indispensable. He was Associate Editor of the *International Journal of Legal Information* for many years, and the author of numerous books, articles and pamphlets.

In 2001 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Latvian Academy of Sciences and in 2000 he received the American Association of Law Libraries Marion Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award for his lifelong accomplishments as a foreign and international law librarian and for his publications on the Baltic nations.

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