

Tributes to Maurice Line

I would like to express my deep sorrow over the passing away of Mr. Line. I remember Mr. Line's visit to National Library of China in early 1990s. When I submitted a paper for *Alexandria* in 2002, he spent time to make comments for me to revise the paper. He is a very kind old man, and we will remember him forever.
Ben Gu, National Library of China

The texts of Maurice Line concerning national libraries were a great source of inspiration to me, while researching the subject of Interlending in National Libraries. I am sorry.

Elisa Soares, Serviço de Empréstimo Interbibliotecas/ILL, Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal

Maurice came to talk to my students during his year as President of the then Library Association (now CILIP), and I can't remember any other President who made such an impression. Everyone got something out of what he said. He didn't talk at them – he just threw out questions for 40 minutes, and left them buzzing with ideas!

He made the same impression everywhere, as I discovered some years later when a meeting connected with a development project took me into the National Library of Chile, one of many that had invited him as a consultant after he retired from the BL.

They don't make many like him, and it's a great loss to the profession.

Professor Ian M. Johnson, Joint Editor, Libri: international journal of libraries and information services, Former Head of the School of Librarianship and Information Studies, The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen

My condolences to friends and family of Dr. Maurice Line. I must say that in spite of his busy schedule and long after he retired, he took time to be a reviewer for our book "Caribbean Libraries in the 21st Century: changes, challenges, and choices". His comments were always succinct and insightful - his assistance in this project was greatly valued.

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Please accept our condolences on the death of our colleague, an outstanding librarian-Maurice Line. His contribution to library science world is very big. Dear friends, we mourn (experience) with you. Please convey our sorrow to the families and loved ones.

*On behalf of the Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Rosa Berdigaliyeva.*

It was with great shock that I came to learn of the demise of the late Mr. Maurice Line. Since I first met him in 1990 (when I was a student in the UK) I have considered him as one of the greatest luminaries of our profession. In fact a lot of what I know, particularly about the operations, functions, and management of

National Libraries, was acquired from this great, knowledgeable but extremely modest man. Our profession has indeed lost of its greatest leaders ever.

Please convey to the family, friends, and associates of the deceased, my sincere and heartfelt condolences. may his soul rest in perfect peace.

Abdou W. Mbye, Director General, The Gambia National Library Authority

J'apprends avec tristesse le décès de Maurice line...grande figure qui aura marqué plusieurs générations de bibliothécaires et qui nous laisse un héritage professionnel d'une grande richesse...Mes condoléances sincères à tous ceux qui l'ont connu et apprécié!

Mariétou Diongue Diop, IFLA French language center, bibliothèque Centrale de l'UCAD Dakar/Senegal

Recevez mes sincères condoléances et celles de toute la Biliothèque Nationale du Bénin.

Francis Marie-José ZOGO, Directeur de la Bibliothèque Nationale du Bénin

I want hereby present my sincere condolences to the family, the friends and the colleagues of Dr. Maurice Line, whose death I learnt from your correspondence.

It's even superfluous to underline how important he has been for the library and information profession and we are all aware that he leaves a great heritage to all of us, a great human and professional heritage.

Osvaldo Avallone, Direttore della Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Roma

On behalf of the Swaziland National Library Service, I wish to pass our sincere condolences to the family, friends and the entire Library and information fraternity in the United Kingdom and beyond for the sad loss of Maurice Line. The profession has indeed been robbed of a true professional. I had a privilege of meeting Maurice while I was studying at the University of Sheffield when he was invited to be guest Lecturer. I was very impressed by his authority on Librarianship subjects. May we all find solace and comfort in God's peace.

Nomsa V Mkhwanazi, DIRECTOR, Swaziland National Library Service

The National Library of Russia sends our deep condolences on Dr Maurice Line's death to his family and colleagues. Maurice Line was one of the most prominent librarians and scholars. He will be long remembered in Russia.

Director General, Vladimir N. Zaitsev. National Library of Russia