In Memoriam Annemarie Schimmel

The IAHR deeply regrets that Professor Annemarie Schimmel, former IAHR president (1980-1990) and IAHR honorary life member (since 1995), passed away in Bonn on January 26, 2003. Born in Erfurt on April 7, 1922, she studied Oriental Languages, Islamic Culture and History of Religions in Berlin and Marburg and was Professor in Ankara, Bonn and at Harvard. She published more than 100 books and many more articles, in German and English as well as in other languages, on Islamic mysticism, civilization and poetry, with a wide language background of Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Urdu, Sindhi, Pashto, and Punjabi. Her Gifford Lectures on "Deciphering the Signs of God" (Edinburgh University Press, 1994) follow Heiler's Phenomenology of Religion with regard to Islam and are her most important contributions in this field. The IAHR is proud of having had her as president and honorary life member and will hold her knowledgeable and charming personality in fond memory.

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