



Tribute/Hommage

In memoriam of Professor John J. McGarvey



Professor John Joseph McGarvey, who died suddenly at the age of 78, had a distinguished and pioneering academic career at Queen's University of Belfast and was known internationally for his research in various topics of photo-physics, in particular the laser spectroscopy of transition metal complexes.

As Professor Steven Bell, Director of Research at the School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at Queens, said: "Professor McGarvey was an inspirational teacher and supervisor and the post-graduate students who he super-

vised have in turn gone on to run their own Raman research groups across the world."

For the spin-crossover community over the world, Professor John McGarvey has been well known for his pioneering works on the photoperturbation of spin equilibrium as well as for his time-resolved and Raman spectroscopic investigations of spin-crossover complexes. Yet, for us he has not only been a well-established international scientific mentor, but also a friend in the noblest sense of the word. He was of exceptional attention to his interlocutors, whether they were students, postdoctorates, or experienced researchers: John McGarvey will remain in our memory forever as an invaluable example.

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