



Professor James J. DUDERSTADT

Professor James Jim Duderstadt sadly passed away on 21 August 2024. President Emeritus of the University of Michigan, he also played a very important role in the development of the Glion Colloquium from 2005 to 2018.

We are deeply saddened by this news and our hearts go out to his family, his wife Anne, who attended eight Colloquia with him, and also to his daughters and grandchildren.

In 2004, Jim Duderstadt spontaneously offered to take over from Professor Werner Z. Hirsch, who had co-founded the Glion Colloquium with Luc E. Weber in 1998 and who wished to be relieved of this responsibility. It was the beginning of a long and very fruitful collaboration for the organization of the following eight Colloquia, each of which was followed by the publication of a book. His help was instrumental with the local and Program Committees to choose the themes, identifying participants in America, raising money, setting up the four-day program, co-chairing the meeting and co-editing the books.

Jim Duderstadt's open, smiling and forward-looking personality with his deep knowledge of the world's leading higher education system have helped to ensure that each biennial meeting of strong university leaders from around the world has been an open, frank and positive exchange of views. He has been very much part of the success of this initiative, which is now more than 25 years old.

We will remember him fondly and with immense respect for all the work and enthusiasm he has dedicated to the Glion Colloquium Association.

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