

DAVID A. I. GORING

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Dr. David Goring died on July 17, 2021.

David Goring studied at University College, London, UK, earning a Bachelor of Science in chemistry in 1942. He continued his formal education at McGill University, Montreal, where he earned a doctorate in physical chemistry in 1949. He then earned a second doctorate, in colloid chemistry, from Cambridge University, UK in 1953. Dr. Goring spent his scientific career in Canada, principally in Montreal, at the Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada (PAPRICAN). He served as Director of Research and then as vice-president at Paprican, until his retirement in 1985. He was also a professor in the Chemistry Department at McGill University and then, in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry at the

University of Toronto.

Dr. Goring devoted the majority of his working life to the study and understanding of the structure of the three main components of wood: lignin, cellulose, and hemicelluloses. His ground-breaking, original work (over 200 papers) on how wood components are modified by chemical pulping has been of great importance to the pulp and paper industry.

For his achievements, he was the recipient of the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award and the winner of the Anselme Payen Award of the American Chemical Society. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the International Academy of Wood Science, the Chemical Institute of Canada and the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry. Dr. David Goring was one of the most active and prolific members of the founding committee of *Cellulose Chemistry and Technology*.

A brilliant scientist and a thought-leader, Dr. Goring will be remembered as an excellent teacher and mentor for his former students, colleagues and the scientific community.