

REMEMBERING ACTA PRESS'S FORMER EIC PROFESSOR MOHAMED KAMEL

ACTA Press sadly reports that retired Editor-In-Chief (EIC), Professor Mohamed Kamel died December 4, 2015.

Dr. Kamel's academic journey began in Egypt, where he received a B.Sc. in electrical engineering from the University of Alexandria. He went on to receive a M.Sc. in computer science from McMaster University, and a PhD. in computer science from the University of Toronto. He was formerly the University Research Chair at the University of Waterloo, the Director for the Centre for Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, and the recipient of countless academic awards.

Dr. Kamel had experience both in academia and industry. He worked as a consultant, held many editorial positions, and supervised a multitude of graduate students, all while producing a lengthy list of publications. During his time as EIC and as a member of the Editorial Board, the standard of the journal was raised and both its circulation and number of issues per year increased. He was not only an excellent editor, but a celebrated teacher and scholar. "A pioneer in the fields of pattern recognition and intelligent systems, Dr. Kamel's contributions earned him international recognition and honours including being named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, an IEEE Fellow, EIC Fellow, CAE Fellow, IAPR Fellow, winning the IEEE Canada McNaughton Award, and membership on editorial boards of international journals", as stated by the University of Waterloo.

The passing of Dr. Kamel is a major loss to ACTA Press and to the scientific community at large. The International Journal of Robotics and Automation Issue 2, 2016 is dedicated to the remembrance of our former EIC, Dr. Mohamed Kamel.