

## **Werner Leinfellner (1921-2010)**

We were greatly saddened to learn that Univ.Prof. DDr. h.c. Werner Leinfellner passed away early this week at a Vienna hospital. His wife Elisabeth had preceded him in death on January 4 of this year.

Werner Leinfellner was one of the pioneers of scientific philosophy, theory of science as well as game and decision theory in the tradition of the Vienna Circle. Together with his wife Elisabeth he cofounded the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society in Kirchberg/W. (Lower Austria) in 1976, which he supported for many years. With this he contributed significantly to making philosophical life in Austria of the Second Republic more international. Due to the adverse conditions he encountered in science and politics in post-war Austria he was unable begin a professional life in this country and pursued his international academic career at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. However, he never cut off contacts with his homeland and moved back to Austria after becoming professor emeritus. A number of awards and honors testify to the significance of his life work. Since the founding of the Vienna Circle Institute in 1991 he served on its academic board and enriched the work of the institute with his expertise and his exceptional contributions.

His passing means an irreplaceable human and intellectual loss for scientific and intellectual life. We will continue to remember him and his wife Elisabeth with deep gratitude. Our heartfelt condolences go to his daughter Ruth, her family and his relatives.

The funeral service is planned for Monday, April 19, 2010 at 10.30 am at the Vienna Zentralfriedhof (Bestattungshalle Simmering).

A memorial event and an academic obituary will follow.

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