

TRIBUTE TO ERIC CAHM (1935-2002)

He was a prominent scholar whose interests encompassed aspects of French literature, political science and modern history. Eric began his academic career at the University of Cambridge. After completing his doctoral thesis on Péguy and Nationalism he held posts in Reading and Portsmouth before his disillusionment with British academia, and especially the thankless task of teaching. “Business French” led him to the University of Tours where he became a professeur associé, before being promoted to the post of maître de conférences.

Eric Cahm will be especially remembered by the members of the Émile Zola Society for his work on the Dreyfus Affair. He was instrumental in setting up SIHAD (la Société Internationale de l’Histoire de l’Affaire Dreyfus) and his book, *The Dreyfus Affair in French Society and Politics* (London: Longman, 1996), which was originally published in French as *L’Affaire Dreyfus* in 1994, and widely acknowledged by specialists to be an erudite and insightful investigation of the Affair and its implications