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François Tavenas, Professor of Civil Engineering then in 1997 rector of Laval University in Quebec City was born in Bourg-de-Péage, Drôme, France. He received an engineering degree from Institut national des sciences appliquées de Lyon in 1963 and a Doctorate in soil mechanics in 1965 from the Université de Grenoble. In 1968, he moved to Canada to become a lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering at Université Laval. A Canadian citizen since 1971, he became Dean, Faculty of Science and Engineering from 1985 to 1989. During his term as Rector he closed the Science Museum at the university. He stayed few years in the administration of at McGill before becoming the founding rector of the Université du Luxembourg in 2003. He received many honours and awards.



Rector François Tavenas congratulating the author for retiring from Laval in 1996