

In memoriam Michel Marcus

The first time I met Michel Marcus was at the end of the 90s at a conference in Paris that he had organised together with Gilbert Bonnemaïson. Even at that first, very friendly talk, both of them were very interested in the structures of Crime Prevention in Germany and invited me to actively participate at EFUS. In the following years, Michel Marcus and I met several times annually at different prevention events, making plans for new projects, methods and strategies for municipal prevention.

At an early stage Michel Marcus encouraged me to win over cities and local authorities into a membership in the European Forum for Urban Security and to also create the German-European Forum for Urban Security as the national EFUS-Forum. With enormous gratitude I remember the following 10 years of joint work in different project groups, at the Executive Committee of EFUS and on the Board of Directors of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime in Montreal.

EFUS owes a lot to Michel Marcus for his sustained engagement, his wisdom and his vision. In my position as Vice President and in the name of his many fellow companions I pay homage to the great life achievements of Michel Marcus. I am sure he will have a place in our thoughts and hearts as we prepare future prevention plans. Next to the EFUS Founder Gilbert Bonnemaïson, Michel Marcus will have a special place of honour in the halls of great EFUS personalities.

I personally am very grateful for the opportunity of meeting Michel Marcus. It fills me with great appreciation and happiness to have known of and worked with him. With Michel Marcus I have lost an excellent colleague and friend whom I personally and professionally owe a lot to. His attitude, helpfulness, concept of humanity and his deeply democratic understanding of politics were an asset to the International Prevention Movement.

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