

IN MEMORIAM DR. SIDNEY KORETSKY (1921-2020)

Honorary Member of IPH, Dr. Sidney Koretsky died peacefully in his home in Brookline, Massachusetts after a long and active life a few days after his 98- year's birthday. He was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts in December 1921 and received his AB degree at Harvard in Biochemistry in 1943. In 1946 he finished his studies with his MD at Jefferson Medical College and served as medical officer in the US Army in Korea and Japan from 1947 – 1948. After his return to United States he was employed as a resident in Internal Medicine at Boston City Hospital.

Sydney Koretsky was a deeply dedicated and devoted physician who in his career combined patient care at his medical practice in Brookline with teaching medical students at Tufts University School of Medicine as well as research in cardiology at Beth Israel Hospital. He was a member of the medical staff of Beth Israel Hospital and Tufts New England Medical Center and President of the Greater Boston Medical Society.

Sidney Koretsky maintained his medical practice for 40 years in Brookline until his retirement in 1997 at the age of 76. Since then he concentrated nearly full time on researching in paper history together with his dear wife Elaine Koretsky.

Sidney and Elaine were married 1953, and they created a wonderful home for their children, grandchildren, friends and colleagues during their 65 years long and happy marriage. They were complementary to each other during their unique skills and common interests in horticulture, travelling, paper history, papermaking, tools and technology.

Elaine's research in handmade paper and her establishment in 1974 of The Studio Carriage House Paper together with their daughter Donna Koretsky caused Sidney's interest in paper history several years before his retirement. For more than thirty years they travelled together on numerous papermaking tours around the world. As a most talented and skilled amateur photographer and videographer he assisted Elaine in documenting her observations of the still existing handmade paper production and tools in remote places and thus preserved valuable information of the very art of papermaking. In 2001, Sidney Koretsky received a Lifetime



Achievement Award from the Friends of Dard Hunter, an international organization dedicated to papermaking. I have known Sidney and Elaine Koretsky since 1986, where we met at the IPH Congress in Copenhagen. We shared a common interest in studying the still existing handmade paper production in Asia, and in 2007 I joined their China-Expedition to Sichuan and Yunnan. They had joined in IPH since 1984 and attended faithfully 14 IPH congresses in total. In Stockholm 2008 at the General Meeting of the IPH Congress Sidney and Elaine Koretsky were unanimously accepted as Honorable Members of IPH. At their last IPH Congress 2012 in Basel and Upper Rhine Region they both contributed as speakers with presentations of Sidney Koretsky's documentation on video and film.

In spite of his total blindness since 2000 Sidney Koretsky kept his rich and valuable photographic collection of more than thirty years research of handmade paper production completely updated and documented his slide, movie, video and digital images. According to the Koretsky New Year's Letter 2016 and 2017, he worked almost daily at his desk with the help of assistants on publishing a book of all Elaine's 58 articles, written over a period of 17 years, with illustrations of his photographs.

With his organizational skills, interest and dedication to this opus I do hope that he succeeded in finishing this manuscript.

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