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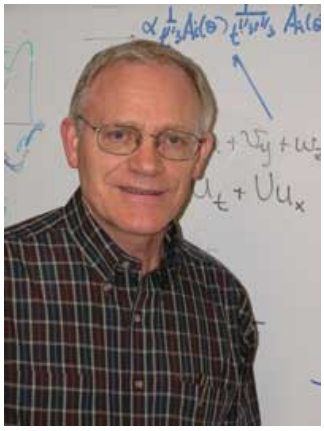

Professor Larry Redekopp has been a profound influence in many of our research lives. He has done this through pioneering and fundamental research on nonlinear waves, and in stability theory. He was one of the original progenitors of the global stability analyses that led to distinguishing absolute and convective instability modes in fluid flows. His work on long internal wave generation/propagation in long deep stratified lakes has guided an entire research field for 20 years. He has worked on difficult problems in solitary waves, particle suspension and on internal wave propagation in density-stratified flows, amongst many others.

Since joining the USC Department of Aerospace Engineering in 1971, he has occupied a number of influential positions, both internally (AE Department Chair) and externally (various APS and AIAA positions, including on the NASA micro-gravity review panel of 1995). His excellence in teaching and in mentorship has been recognized by numerous awards at his home institution, which has been obliged to adopt the 'Redekopp Rule' to limit the number of times a teaching award is given to any single individual. It is worth noting that many of us will be indebted for life for long or short sessions at the coffee table and in front of his white board. In his patient and pedagogical way, he has set a standard that we will do our best to emulate and pass on.

In recognition of his profound and lasting influence as a researcher, mentor and teacher, it is our great pleasure to have a Special Session at the VIIIth International Symposium on Stratified Fluids.

Please join us in congratulating Professor Larry Redekopp during the symposium.