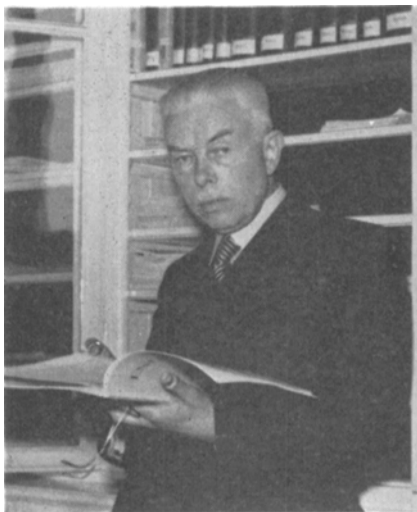


Biographical Note



Professor John Eggert, Head of the Photographic Department of the Federal Institute of Technology in Zürich, Switzerland, celebrated his 65th birthday on August 1, 1956. He is one of the outstanding figures in scientific photography in Europe and his contribution towards leading photographic research away from empirical know-how to scientific knowledge is well known and recognized throughout the world.

John Eggert, a student of Prof. W. Nernst, received his doctorate from the

University of Berlin in 1914. In 1921 he was given the task of building a research department for the Agfa Company. This became in 1928 the famous "Wissenschaftliches Zentrallaboratorium" (Central Scientific Laboratory) of this Company which published, up to 1939, six volumes of fundamental scientific papers. Simultaneously, he was a professor of physical chemistry, particularly photochemistry and photography, at the University of Berlin. This assignment ended in 1937 for political reasons. His political integrity led to imprisonment for him and his family near the end of World War II. They were freed by the American army, and high ranking officers helped them to Munich in the Western Zone. In this city he was professor of physical chemistry at the Institute of Technology from 1945 to 1946. In this year he accepted the offer of his present position at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zürich, Switzerland. In this country, unaffected by the limitations of the postwar years and by the interests of private industries, he found a challenging opportunity to reorganize the Photographic Department of this school and to intensify its research activities. His success is illustrated by the fact that his former students hold important research positions in industries of at least three continents. His strong belief in free exchange of fundamental scientific knowledge made him successfully cooperate with a group of other scientists in reviving the annual "International Photographic Congress" which had been discontinued during the war.

Dr. Eggert's contributions to photographic science are reflected in a number of awards. In 1950 he was awarded an honorary degree by the Institute of Technology in Karlsruhe, Germany, "in recognition of his work in physical chemistry and scientific photography." In the same year he was awarded the Progress Medal of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain "in recognition of his classical work in latent image theory and in particular on the quantum efficiency, his work on the effect of x-rays on photographic emulsions and in evolving methods of standardization of photographic speed and graininess." In 1951 the "Société Française de Photographie et Cinématographie" awarded Dr. Eggert its Pélignot Medal "in recognition of his work in scientific photography for the past 30 years." In 1953 he was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain.—
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New Members

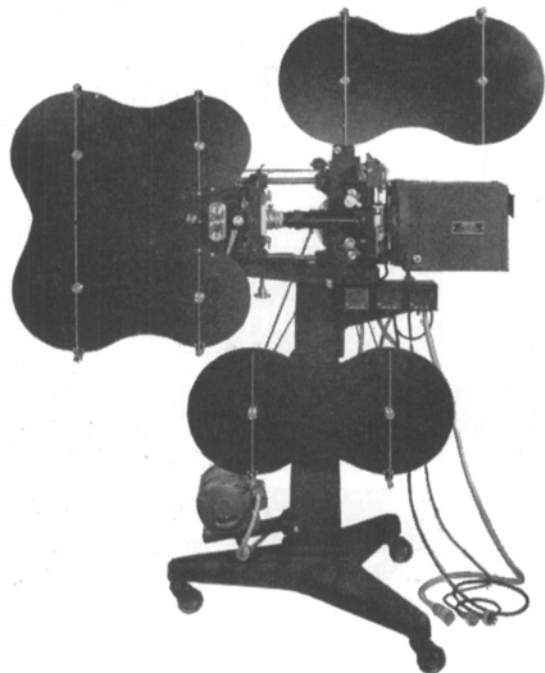
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