

### THE LATE EMERY BALINT

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The Building Science Forum of Australia [reported, that it] was deeply saddened by the passing of Professor Emeritus Emery Balint, a founding member who served as the Forum's first President over the period 1963–65 and National President in 1973–74. His contribution was recognised with the Forum's first Life Membership in 1984.

Emery Balint was born in Hungary in 1911, arrived in Australia in 1939 and became a leading educator who played a major part in the establishment of building as an academic discipline in its own right. He became Associate Professor of Building within the Faculty of Architecture at the University of NSW in 1962 and was appointed to the first Chair of Building upon its establishment in 1972.

On retirement from the University in 1976 he was granted the title of Professor Emeritus and continued his work in the industry with involvement in the Building Careers Centre and the Building and Construction Council of NSW.

Emery Balint was an inspiration to the BSFA over many years and whatever success we have enjoyed has been very much a result of his effort and guidance. He made his mark which remains with us and our memories of a good friend will be forever positive.