



Paul CORNIL (1953 – 1961)

Paul Cornil was born in Brussels (Belgium) in 1903.

He obtained his university degrees as Doctor of Philosophy (1924) and Doctor of Juridical Science (1927) at the Free University of Brussels.

He worked as Professor of the aforementioned University for more than forty years, as well as at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. In 1973, he was appointed as Associate Professor at the University of Paris.

At the same time, Paul Cornil developed essential activity and accomplishment in the Justice Ministry of Belgium since 1929, where he served as Director General, and later, as Secretary General.

In 1951, he was appointed as Associate President, and he guaranteed the transition of V. V. Pella's presidency until he was elected as President in 1953. In his capacity as president, he chaired the Congresses of Athens (1957) and Lisbon (1961).

Paul Cornil was also President of the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation (IPPF) from 1951 to 1961, Vice-President of the International Society for Social Defence (ISSD) and of the Scientific Commission of the International Society for Criminology (ISC), President of the European Committee on Crime Problems (ECCP) and of the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences of Siracusa (ISISC). As for his editorial duties, he was the President of the *Revue de Droit Pénal et de Criminologie* from 1952 to 1975.

Paul Cornil died on December 8th, 1985.

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