

## Obituary

**Prof. Dr. Manfred Schukowski**

**\* 16. 01. 1928, † 14. 03. 2025**

Prof. Dr. Manfred Schukowski passed away on March 14, 2025. He was one of the most meritorious monument preservators and scientists of this state of Mecklenburg-Hither Pomerania. He will be sorely missed.

Born Jan. 16, 1928 in Stralsund, he studied physics and astronomy and received both his doctoral degree (PhD) and his *habilitation* from Rostock University. During much of his career he developed curricula for astronomy teaching at schools, and supported astronomy clubs and stargazing activities.

It was after his official retirement that he turned his attention to medieval monumental astronomical clocks. He became the leading expert on this class of historical objects. He wrote numerous articles and books about such clocks across Europe, with an emphasis on the specimen in Rostock. In recognition of his outstanding work he has received several prestigious awards.

His passing is felt with pain. It was always a pleasure to talk to him and get his advice which he disseminated freely. A most remarkable personality is gone.



*Manfred Schukowski stands in front of Rostock Astronomical Clock (2023).*