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Death of former IPAV CEO, Liam O'Donnell

The death has recently occurred of former Chief Executive and President of IPAV, the Institute of Professional Auctioneers & Valuers, Liam O'Donnell.

He served as CEO of IPAV for more than 20 years and served as President from 1984 to 1987 and from 2012 to 2013.

Born in Fethard, Co. Tipperary in 1939, Liam moved to London at a young age and worked as a salesman for Wates Built Homes. He transferred back to Dublin and was employed for a time in Allied Auctioneers on D'Olier Street, an offshoot of Wates. When they pulled out of the Irish market, O'Donnell found new positions with McInerney Builders and then Healy Homes.

Elected to the Council of IPAV in 1981, educational advancement for practicing and aspiring auctioneers became a strong focus of his work, establishing training courses at Cork, Dun Laoghaire, Glamorgan and Bristol, as well as the Fine Arts Diploma that he ran himself.

Liam was a board member of the Confederation of European Estate Agents (CEI), serving as President in 1999, and a member of both the Auctioneering/Estate Agency Review Group and the Private Residential Tenancies Board.

Pat Davitt, IPAV CEO said members owe him a great deal of gratitude for helping to advance the standards of the profession in Ireland. Expressing sympathy to his family he said: "He will be a great loss to his family and will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all in IPAV. I would like to pass on our sympathies to his children Leeanne, Eve and William, his brother Joe and extended family."

There was a large turnout of current and former IPAV Council members at Liam's funeral Mass which took place at St Columba's Church, Iona Road, Dublin 9 on Thursday, 25 August following which burial took place in Glasnevin cemetery.

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