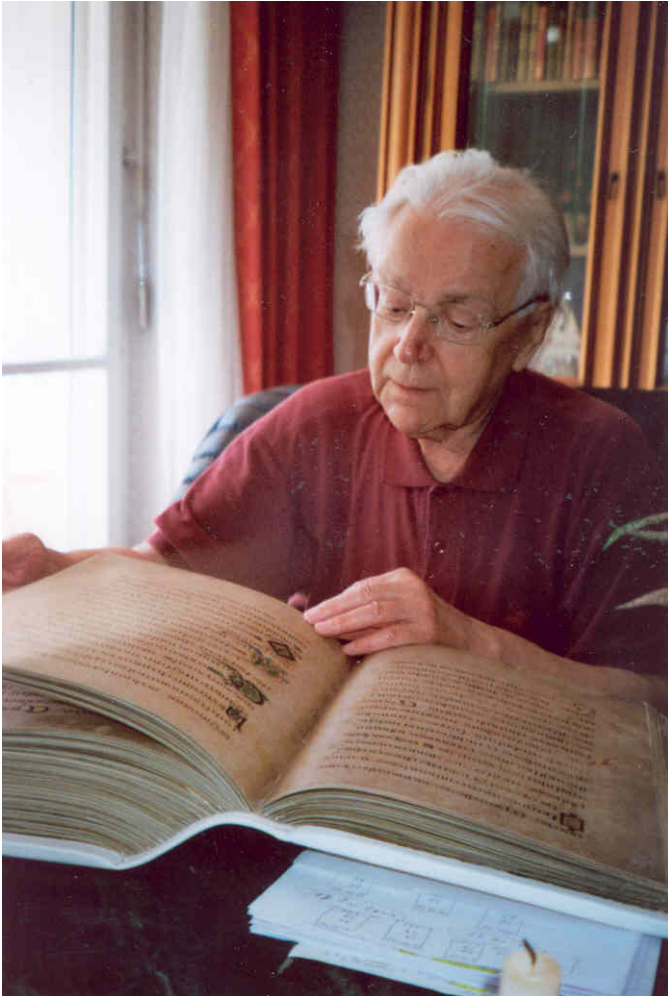


## PRESENTATION OF PROF. JOSEPH SEILER'S NEW BOOK IN THE UAB –*Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*–



Prof. Seiler entrusted his last work, *De Lavater à Michon. Essai sur l'histoire de la graphologie*, to Prof. Mariluz Puente in order that she might publish it for free consultation on her university webpage. Academics from this year's European Masters in Graphology announced the volume's publication. It should be remembered that Fr Seiler, a university lecturer in graphology, was one of the most prominent authorities in the field of Swiss and German graphology, and due to his generosity to and close relationship with the Spanish Association of Consultant Graphologists (Agrupación de Grafoanalistas Consultivos de España – AGC) and the UAB, through Prof. Mariluz Puente, he has provided an invaluable

amount of material and advice. Prof. Seiler was appointed Honorary Chairman of the AGC and Honorary Professor of the Masters in European Graphoanalysis, and also carried out graphological assessments for the State authorities, as did the doctors and senior officials Prof. J.Ch. Gille and Prof. Francisco Viñals in their respective countries.

With the contribution of Prof. Alfred Gauthier, who came especially from Canada, the presentation of this posthumous work was a great success, as Prof. Gauthier reminded all those present of the importance of Fr Prof. Joseph Seiler's work, which may be considered as the most prominent work on the history of graphology.



Photogr. faite le 29 juillet 1998, près de la petite maison dans laquelle je suis né le 29 juillet 1917, bien simple et modeste alors, bâtie par mon grand-père et mon père en 1911; Mes parents l'ont vendue en 1934.

Chère Madame MARILUZ, je vous envoie à vous & à votre époux mes cordiales pensées.

29 janvier 2007

*Joseph Perle*

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**DOR ALFRED GAUTHIER:**

Dear graphologist friends,



**It is a privilege and an honour to be able to pay a tribute to the Swiss graphologist**

Father Seiler who died on December 6 2008 after a long and enduring sickness at the age of 91 years old.

He was the author of the first two tomes of the voluminous books “De Lavater à Michon. Essai sur l’histoire de la graphologie” (From Lavater to Michon. Essay on the history of graphology)» published at the University Press of Fribourg in the years 1995 and 2000.

We have to remember that he was one of the teachers of graphology at the university level at the university of Fribourg in 1967 and he was all along his career a “bridge-builder” between the French and the German school of graphology, being himself perfectly bilingual. His articles in “La Graphologie” et the bulletins of the GGCF (professional body of French graphologists) as well as in the Journals “Zeitschrift für Menschenkunde” and “Graphologisches Spektrum” have contributed to a better knowledge of the two methods.

I was one of the last graphologists to have met him in Bern in November 2008 in a senior home while I was travelling in Switzerland on the track of Pulver and Klages. I insisted on meeting Father Seiler to share our numerous common interests for the history of graphology. I knew already his precarious state of health and the meeting has been most emotional because we both knew that it was the first and the last one

that we were meeting. I have been able to mention to him that he was born 5 days before my own father and that thanks to him I had developed an interest for Lavater, our great grand-father in graphology.

This is under his inspiration that I visited the Charente in France on the track of Michon, our grand-father and the region of Arras and Rouen on the following of Crépieux-Jamin. I had been previously in Mondolfo and Urbino on the track of Moretti and in Bologna for Baldi.

And I should add that next week I will go back in Italy to meet in Padua with Father Salvatore Ruzza who was a former teacher of the course on the history of graphology at the University of Urbino and later on in Urbino with DarioCingolani who is the present professor of history at that same university. I will also visit Zurich next week to attend the Jubilee of the SSG, the 60th year of the foundation of their association by Max Pulver. I should also be able to pay a short tribute to Father Seiler in front of his compatriots.

For that passion for the history of graphology and the desire to better know our pioneers, I am indebted, in great part, to Father Seiler and his numerous researches as a “moissonneur (a reaper?)”, as he used to write. I am very happy to have had the privilege to pay him a tribute in person in Bern before his untimely death, and this is an honour now to be able to do the same publicly at the UAB.

I take this occasion to thank professors Mariluz and Francisco who were dear friends of Father Seiler to have organized this homage after his death but mostly because they had already paid him a tribute while he was alive and named him honorary teacher of your course at the UAB and association AGP.

And I am proud to announce that they took the initiative to publish shortly on the Web site of the UAB the third volume of his researches for all the world to consult.

With Father Seiler and all the historians of graphology I already mentioned, we look at the past and our pioneers but in front of me, I am looking at the future and hopefully you will be starting shortly a new career in graphology and forensic expertise with enthusiasm, courage and persistence under the inspiration and the respect of your predecessors. As I was saying last year in this same hall, we need new blood in your graphology and you have the responsibility to make further researches in the field. Thanks to their excellence, let the Spanish graphologists win the future Mundial of graphology...

Viva la grafologia!

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