

The letter of Dale Brownawell:

Dear Michel:

It is only fitting that you be awarded this honorary doctorate from the University of Ottawa. Through the years you have enriched mathematics on many levels, as well as the lives of many people in many countries. It is to be hoped that the folks there will recount in appropriate detail

- that you were a pioneer in the rebirth of transcendence theory with many deep contributions, several crucial to further development,
- that you and your descendants constituted the most vibrant center ever for the study of transcendence and related, especially geometric, questions, and
- that you have been an outstanding ambassador, not only for transcendence theory, but, more generally, for international mathematical co-operation.

Your intelligence, energy, commitment, and generosity are inspiring standards. In our own case, an initial simultaneous result, which could have become a point of suspicion and acrimony, welded a friendship for which I shall always be grateful. Michel, I salute you and congratulate you on this richly deserved award.

Sincerely yours,

*Dale Brownawell*