

PASSING OF PIONEERS: A BELATED TRIBUTE

P.E. PETERS, MD (1937-1997)

On February 17, 1997, the International Society of Lymphology lost one of its outstanding members and former Editor of *Lymphology*. Peter E. Peters MD, Professor of Radiology and chairman of the Dept. of Radiology at the University of Muenster, Germany died too early at 59 years of age.

Dr. Peters received his first medical training at the Universities of Zurich, Switzerland and Freiburg, Germany. He then served as a research assistant at Washington University in St. Louis, USA, working in the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology (Chairman: Prof. Dr. J. Taveras), the Dept. of Abdominal Imaging (Head: Prof. Dr. P.R Koehler) and Radiation Research (Head: Prof. Dr. M. Ter-Pogossian). Later, he worked as an assistant in Radiology at the German Diagnostic Clinic in Wiesbaden and served from 1973-1979 on the faculty of the Westfaelische Wilhelms-University, Muenster, Germany. After a 3-year term as associate professor at the University of Koeln, Germany, he returned to Muenster as Director of the Dept. of Radiology in 1983.

In 1971, Peter Peters became a member of the International Society of Lymphology. A few years later he was appointed to the editorial board of *Lymphology* and served from 1976-1983 as editor together with A.E. Dumont. His scientific work in lymphology was focused on diagnostic lymphography and endolymphatic radiotherapy.

His international activities were characterized by extensive work in different UNESCO and WHO scientific groups and at the European College of Radiological Education and European Association of Radiology. He was also involved in numerous medical organizations. Despite his preference for background work, his dedication to the promotion of research and quality management of the health care system and medical politics was very effective and successful.

He authored 7 books, contributed over 300 chapters or articles to scientific journals and publications, and presented abstract exhibits and scientific assemblies around the world.

To me, Peter E. Peters was a dedicated and highly esteemed colleague as well as a reliable co-worker with many excellent ideas. For the younger colleagues, he served as a role model with competence, authority and flexibility as well as one worthy of admiration and with a beloved personality. His death is to be regretted as a large loss for *Lymphology* and Radiology.

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