

PASSING OF PIONEERS

Professor Dr. Rubens Carlos Mayall (1917-2004)

Señor Académico Doctor Rubens Carlos Mayall

Dear Professor,

Years have gone by. Indeed.

I had the privilege and opportunity of meeting you in 1975 in Rio de Janeiro – International Congress of Lymphology – ISL. You, President, distinction and service. Since then, your image, your personality, and friendship have accompanied me, master and friend. I owe you gratitude for your greatness.

You were always concerned about the new generations – you welcomed them, listened to them, and more than once, honored them. You pointed out paths – always present as protagonist in action and creativity in the world of Lymphology, as well as in the context of Angiology.

You always had time – for all and for those who believed they did not.

Exemplary father, in the difficult way of life; you had the pleasure of family recognition, with love, together with sincere affection – even when in sad loneliness.

You distinguished your country as Academic, Titular member of the national Academy of Medicine, you introduced peers with enthusiastic generosity and who recognized your way. You taught, rare virtue, distinctive of the great. Your dear Valença University, far away, on the mountains – the mysterious whisper of the tropical jungle, and the marvelous sunrise

conjuring up ideas and projects.

You worked – all your life – in every sense.

The time to rest arrived. In silence you have left. Peace.

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I send respectfully, with sadness and affection, this letter, to my, and our great friend.

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On June 22, 2004, Rubens Carlos Mayall passed away at the age of 86 in Rio de Janeiro. Further details of his life and many accomplishments will appear in the December 2004 issue of *Lymphology* devoted to “Consensus and Dissent” on the “Consensus Document of the ISL: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Lymphedema.”