IN MEMORIAM

Mauri Wiljasalo, M.D., Med. Sci. D.



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Professor Mauri Wiljasalo, a founding member of the International Society of Lymphology (ISL) died at his home on July 23, 1996, in Kuopio, Finland. Born in Turku, Karianienen, Finland, Professor Wiljasalo received his radiological training at the University of Helsinki and obtained his doctorate in 1965. The title of his thesis was "Lymphographic Differential Diagnostics of Neoplastic Diseases," which was published in Acta Radiol. Suppl. 247. In 1967, he was appointed docent of radiology at the University of Helsinki and in 1972 he received special qualifications in nuclear medicine. In 1976, he became Professor of Diagnostic Roentgenology at the University of Kuopio, where he worked continuously until 1987 when he assumed the title of Professor Emeritus. During this time (1976-1987), he was director of the Department of

Radiology at the University Central Hospital of Kuopio. He was also a member of numerous scientific societies including active member of the ISL (1966-1996), and vice chairman of the Angiological Society of Finland (1976-1979). He was also an Honorary member of the Hungarian Radiological Society (1982), of the Finnish Radiological Society (1983), and of the Radiological Society of DDR (Germany) (1987), as well as President of the 44th Scandinavian Congress of Radiology (1986) and of the Scandinavian Radiological Society (1986).

As an invited lecturer, Dr. Wiljasalo enjoyed immense popularity and participated in numerous European radiologic congresses. His scientific contributions comprise over one hundred articles dealing mainly with lymphology, the heart and coronary arterial circulation, gastroenterology and computer tomography. In Finland, Professor Wiljasalo initiated vascular x-ray examinations including angiography of the coronary arteries and was an active senior teacher and examiner in diagnostic radiology. Equally important, he gathered disciples and developed his own scientific school of radiology. There are innumerable radiologists, many in positions nowadays as chief physicians or professors in Finland who were first introduced to lymphological science by Professor Wiljasalo.

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