

*IN MEMORIAM***HERBERT CAILLE MAIER, M.D.***Herbert C. Maier (1908-1994)*

Lymphology lost another unsung champion this past year in the death of H.C. Maier, M.D. Trained as a general surgeon and later in thoracic surgery with Dr. John Alexander, a pulmonary surgical pioneer, Dr. Maier became a highly respected chest surgeon in New York City at the Lenox Hill and Bellevue Hospitals. For lymphologists, perhaps the acme of his achievement was a presidential address before the American Association for Thoracic Surgery in 1966, entitled "The Pulmonary and Pleural Lymphatics: A Challenge to the Thoracic Explorer." On that occasion, he coined the term "chyloptosis" referring to the coughing up of chylous lymph, while pursuing what he perceived as simple curiosity about a largely

still unsolved area in pathophysiology of thoracic diseases prominently displayed in pulmonary lymphangiectasia syndromes and the influence of sex hormones on lymphatic growth. It is noteworthy that Dr. Maier's productive career was not curtailed despite an inaccessible, symptomatic craniopharyngioma which plagued him for more than 55 years. In spite of all the accolades bestowed upon him as a chest surgeon and generalist, Herbert Maier doggedly followed the doings of the International Society of Lymphology and considered that its members were addressing an important but largely neglected area of clinical medicine.

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