Dr. Istinie Octavian Rada, 1936-2013

Co-Founder and President of the Romania Society of Lymphology, world citizen, and familiar gentle face and intellect at many International Congress of Lymphology passed away November 7, 2013. He was born in October 1936 in small idyllic old European village up in the Carpathian Mountains close to where Dracula’s legends originate. Early years of life and school were impregnated by severe Austrian old school discipline. This might have triggered his rebel life philosophy of questioning and always challenging facts of life, work, and knowledge.

He graduated “Moise Nicoara” high school in 1955 in the nearby city of Arad and became a physician after he graduated from UMF “Victor Babes” Timisoara in 1961. Even as a student, he proved interest and skills in surgery, wasting no chance to work as intern even as student in local Timisoara’s hospitals. From 1961 until 1963, he worked as District physician back home in the area were he was born. From 1963 he become a Surgeon in The Regional Hospital of Ineu. In 1967 he returned to Timisoara at Romania Railways Hospital Timisoara where he worked till 1990 and where he achieved his highest ranks as a surgeon and academic titles. His work continued as first class surgeon and professor at District Clinical Hospital Timisoara until retirement in 2010. His medical career was fulfilled with impressive research and scientific work, well appreciated internationally. He was an active member in many international medical societies even in the dark years of the Cold War period, proof of which are the numerous books, papers, articles, presentation and patents achieved and published nationally and internationally.

His work rewarded him with academic successes, but mostly with appreciation from the numerous patients that benefitted from his hard work and experience.

He made himself internationally appreciated as a lymphologist, being a successful apprentice and follower of Prof. Pius Branzeu, one of the great figures of international medicine, one of the first Romanian Phlebologists.

His hobbies reflected a huge love for life. He loved history, especially ancient history (graduated History classes of Timisoara West University) and took all opportunities to visit historic sites all over Europe; he enjoyed to travel and loved nature; he was a great sportsmen and sports lover, being kayak Romania national champion at the age of 21, a passion he continued as kayak trainer for several years and of many national
champions until 1975 when the repressive communist state allowed him to train no more, after three of his best champions fled the “Iron curtain” with the occasion of the International Kayak Championship held in Belgrade that year.

A crude, unfortunate Dieulafoy lesion abruptly ended his peaceful senior days, leaving a huge loss in the Phlebological field of medicine and also to his family and friends.

Dr. Rada is survived by his wife Pharmacist Domnita Rada, brother, Col - resident of California, son Florin, and two granddaughters.

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALL WHO KNEW HIM WILL REMEMBER HIM ALWAYS AS WILL LYMPHOLOGISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

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Inaugural meeting of the Chinese Society of Lymphology. Seated, center, Professor Ning-fei Liu and Professor BB Lee to her left.

Chinese Society of Lymphology (CSL)

The Chinese Society of Lymphology (CSL) was established and held its first National Conference in March 15, 2014, in Shanghai. The meeting was organized by Professor Ning-fei Liu, ISL President- Elect. It attracted representatives of major organizations and hospitals with interests in lymphatic disease, including well-known plastic surgeons and general surgeons engaging in surgical treatment of lymphedema, lymphedema therapists, lymphatic imaging experts, basic researchers studying lymphangiogenesis and lymphatic system anatomy. In addition, Professor Byung-Boong Lee of George Washington University of USA was invited to attend the meeting. It has been agreed that the meeting will be held annually and that the committee of CSL will be decided by the knock-out system in an attempt to constantly absorb new talents. The CSL has become a platform for Chinese basic researchers and clinicians to present the most important advances and their application to lymphedema diagnosis, treatment and control.
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