

Prof. Dr. med. univ. Andreas Weiglein

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This year 2020 started very sadly and dramatically. AoUniv. Prof. Dr. med. univ. Andreas Weiglein passed away at the beginning of February 2020. With him, the anatomical family loses a very strong macroscopic and clinically oriented specialist. Especially the Department of Macroscopic and Clinical Anatomy of the Meln memory of our colleague and friend Prof. Dr. Andreas Weiglein from the Department of Macroscopic and Clinical Anatomy at the Medical University of Graz, Austria, who passed unexpectedly 7 February 2020 in Graz.

He was a significant figure in the history of the International Society for Plastination (ISP). He spent a lot of time and effort to boost our Society, as He was the ISP President from 1997 to 2004 and Honored Member (Beijing 2012).

During this time he made a great effort to improve the activities organized by the ISP. Just as a summary, he always tried to promote the highest scientific and academic quality at the international conferences of the ISP; looked after achieving the best possible standards in the papers published in the Plastination Journal; generously took care of all the needs that arose in the Society; participated in numerous training courses in plastination techniques, helping to set up new plastination laboratories in numerous countries around the world; and also published numerous articles on plastination, mainly related to specific techniques for the central nervous system, such as P35 and P40.

We will always remember him for his working commitment and vocation to serve the ISP. Undoubtedly, for many plastinators who began their activities under Andreas' presidency he was an inspiring example to follow.

Rest in peace,

dical University of Graz, Austria, will miss his expertise in the dental fields.

Regarding his scientific and teaching career, he was a well-respected and honoured person involved in many associations. HE was not only member of the different anatomical societies (AG, AACA, EACA, AAA) but also President of the EACA. Especially for the European Association of

Clinical Anatomy he was part of from the very beginning and remained focused to keep the strength of this association until his death. What is more he always kept high scientific levels and standards which were important for the anatomical journals such as SRA, European Journal of Anatomy, Clinical Anatomy and many others. In addition he was one of the pioneers for plastination. When plastination was introduced by Gunther von Hagens, Andreas was one of the first realizing the advantages of this preservation method especially for teaching purposes. So it was not a big surprise that he became the president of this association.

Anyway, it was not only the scientific person which was that impressive. His way of presentations at meetings was legendary and characterizing. He received awards for best presentations internationally but was also a very important idol for young anatomists concerning his flexibility in teaching. Following the tradition of the former Institute of Anatomy, taught by our great teachers Professor Thiel and Professor Anderhuber, he held the level of teaching high on pregraduate and postgraduate fields. He always tried to be open-minded and encourages young anatomists to publish. He supported everybody and invited them to enlarge their knowledge. As a consequence, many anatomists and clinicians progressed with the support of Andreas.

We will always remember him and keep him in our memory.