

OBITUARY

Professor PHILIPPOS A. ANDROULAKAKIS, MD

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For the last five years Phillip has been working to hold our Annual Meeting in Athens, his beloved city. We awarded the Congress to Athens for 2006 some years ago and he began working to prepare everything, but, sadly, he did not have the time to be able to attend. We were saddened and shocked to hear of his demise two months ago but everything was in place and our 2006 Congress will be held in Athens. Our entire Board unanimously favour dedicating this congress to the memory of Phillip, who was the pioneer of Hellenic Paediatric Urology. Our society has lost someone who had done a great deal to improve the care of children with urological problems, and this is our loss. His photograph and a short c.v. are here in our webpage as a posthumous homage to his good work. Philip passed away on September 19, 2005. He left behind his wife Doctor Sophia Polychronopoulou and two children.

Philippos was born in Athens, Greece on 8th September 1943 . He studied in Athens and he could speak fluently English, French, German and Italian.

After graduating from Athens College, he entered the Medical School of Athens University in October 1962. He graduated «cum laude» in June 1968 (Ptychion Iatrikis) and immediately thereafter completed his 2 year military service as a 2nd Lieutenant M.C. of the Hellenic Air Force.

Following this he completed a 4 year residency in General Surgery (1970-74) followed by a 5 year residency in Urology (1974-79) at major University and University affiliated hospitals in Athens (Hippocraton Hospital and Evangelismos Medical Centre respectively).

Having won a British Council and a Humboldt Stiftung scholarship, he then worked for 3 years abroad, first at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street under Mr. Philip G. Ransley (Febr. 1979 - Sept. 1980) and afterwards at the Department of Urology of the University of Mainz in FRG under Professor Rudolph Hohenfellner (Oct. 1980 - March 1982).

He returned to Athens in March 1982 and started working as a Consultant Paediatric Urologist at the Aghia Sophia Children's Hospital, the major Paediatric, University affiliated hospital in Athens

In 1985 he was elected Consultant Paediatric Urologist at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street but he finally preferred to remain in Greece to establish, organise and direct the department of Paediatric Urology at the Aghia Sophia Children's Hospital. Today this department is staffed with a Consultant (Philippos A. Androulakakis, MD, Professor of Urology), one Senior Registrar, two Registrars , two rotating residents and two trainees in Urology. It is affiliated with the training programme of the Athens University Department of Urology and has been a European Board of Urology (EBU) certified training centre in paediatric urology since 1994.

He has published over 200 scientific papers, of which more than 50 in international medical journals

From January 1993 to January 1995 he served as President of the Hellenic Urological Association.

Furthermore, he was elected as the officially representing Urologist of the Hellenic Urological Association in the European Board of Urology / U.E.M.S., for the years 1994 -1998.

He was an ordinary (full) member of the European Association of Urology and of the European Society for Paediatric Urology and member of the EAU working group for the Guidelines on Paediatric Urology.

He participated in the study of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology.

He was member of the Scientific Committee of the European Urological Association for the European Journal of Video Urology.

He was elected as a National judge for awarding the specialty of Urology to the trainees in Greece.

He had participated to the writing of the book of biomedical terminology MESH-HELLAS, IATROTEK as an expert in the subject of Anatomy.

According to the ESPU Board decision, ratified by the ESPU General Assembly in Budapest, April 2002, he undertook the organization and Presidency of the ESPU 17th Conference, that will take place in Athens in April 2006.