

Immediately after the Second World War professor Ruzsnyák became head of the 1st Medical Clinic at the University of Budapest, and soon after this, president of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Through the last-mentioned office corresponding to the position of a minister he was more and more distracted from the clinic and did not any more give so many lectures and neither did he so often call on his patients.

I do not consider it my task to judge the decision of professor Ruzsnyák to engage in politics. But it is obvious that Hungarian science benefited from his activity enormously. In the 1950's the western medical literature was banned from the clinic and institute libraries in all countries of the East bloc: to read it was "cosmopolitanism"; only certain persons furnished with a special permission were allowed to read these journals. Through his great personal authority Ruzsnyák could prevent this development in Hungary.

Another example: As the authorities wanted to introduce an attendance recorder into the university clinics, professor Ruzsnyák prevented it explaining to dictator Rákosi: "A scientist is most valuable when lying on his couch and thinking". The humiliating attendance recorders were never brought into the Hungarian university clinics and institutes.

Through the death of Stephen Ruzsnyák the world has lost one of the most prominent scientists and humanists of this century.

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FORTHCOMING CONVENTIONS

Vth International Congress of Lymphology, March 23-29, 1975, Buenos Aires (Argentina) – Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

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Buenos Aires Section, March 23-26, 1975

Scientific Program:

- 1) *Lymphomas*: etiology, physiopathology, diagnosis, classification, treatment, etc.
- 2) *Lymphatic System and Immunology*: lymphocyte structure, formation, transportation, lymphatic system in immunology, methods to establish the immunologic condition, immunotherapy, etc.
- 3) *Lymphatic dissemination of cancer*: mechanism of lymphatic invasion, prognosis, value, lymphadenectomy, endolymphatic therapy, etc.
- 4) *Progress in Lymphology*
- 5) *Miscellanea*
- 6) *Latino-american session*

Location of Congress: Buenos Aires Sheraton Hotel

Official Languages: English – Spanish with simultaneous translation

Rio de Janeiro Section, March 26-29, 1975

Scientific Program:

- 1) *Progress in Lymphadenography*
- 2) *Medical and surgical treatment of lymphedemas and chylous effusions*
- 3) *Anatomo-physio-histo-pathology of the lymphatic system*

Several round-tables will be arranged and a Post Graduate Course on Lymphology will be held.

Location of Congress: Hotel Gloria, Rio de Janeiro

Official Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, with simultaneous translation.

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