

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF LYMPHOLOGY

IN MEMORIAM

Klaus Ranniger, M.D., 1926—1976

This month the International Society of Lymphology lost one of its faithful and distinguished members, Dr. *Klaus Ranniger*. Dr. *Ranniger* was born in Ahrensburg, Germany, on July 4, 1926. He obtained his medical degree at the University of Kiel in July 1951 and continued his post-doctoral training in internal medicine at the University of Kiel and pathology at the University of Cologne.

In 1955 Dr. *Ranniger* started his radiology training at the University of Chicago. Although he originally came to the United States only for a short period of training he decided to pursue a career in Radiology in this country. The respect which he gained in his adopted country becomes quite obvious when one views his rapid rise from the rank of Instructor, which he obtained immediately following the end of his training in 1959, to the rank of full Professor in the Department of Radiology and Department of Medicine in 1968. From 1968 to 1972 he was the Director of the Section on Special Procedures in the Department of Radiology at the University of Chicago. In 1971 he became Director of the Section of Diagnostic Radiology. In 1972 he was offered and accepted the position which he held until his death. Although he chose to live in the United States he maintained a close relationship with his colleagues in Europe. He frequently traveled and participated in medical meetings in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Klaus contributed much to the medical literature. His first publications appeared in 1951 soon after he finished medical school. Over the years he was the author and co-author of 89 papers, presented 45 scientific exhibits, participated in numerous panel discussions and, of course, was best known for his excellent presentations during scientific meetings. He was an active member of many medical societies in this country and in Europe.

Dr. *Ranniger* is probably best known for his contribution in the field of angiography, however, his interest in the lymphatic system led him to join our Society and many of us remember his lucid presentations during our recent International Congress in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. Dr. *Ranniger* expressed great interest in the Society and was a member of an Ad Hoc Committee which was probing into the goals and future of our Society. His probing questions, interest in the Society and humor during the long hours of discussions will be thoroughly missed by everyone who knew him. He was an unusually warm, charming and generous person who was liked and respected by all his colleagues. With his death our Society lost a distinguished physician, scientist, and friend.

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