

## IN MEMORIAM

**Oldřich Eliška, MD, DrSc**  
**November 13, 1934 - July 12, 2021**



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great sadness that we announce Professor Oldřich Eliška, MD, DrSc died on July 12, 2021, at the age of 86. Prof. Eliška was first of all a devoted husband and loving father of three children. Prof. Eliška, physician, educator, and scientist, was a major representative of the Prague school of anatomy. He worked in the Anatomical Institute of the 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University Prague, from 1958, concentrating throughout his professional career on the study of the heart and the vascular, particularly the lymphatic, system. He was a popular teacher of anatomy; his lectures on the anatomy of the heart and the lymphatic system remain unforgettable.

He published over 60 mostly high impact publications and his lifelong experience in the extensive monograph *Lymphology*, awarded by the Hlávka Foundation. The extent and comprehensiveness of this book on the lymphatic system are unique in scientific literature worldwide.

Professor Eliška, in addition to being an

anatomist and educator, was also a surgeon and a founder of the Czech Lymphology Society of the Czech Medical Association J.E. Purkyně, established on the European Congress held in September 1992 in Prague. He chaired the Society for many years and was an active member of its Executive Committee until his death.

The extensive scientific erudition and pioneering work of Prof. Eliška in lymphology also led to significant acknowledgment abroad, and he was active for many years both in the European and International Lymphology Societies.

Prof. Eliška has enriched our lives by his scientific knowledge and by endless optimism and sense of humor.

If we keep him in our hearts and minds, he will stay with us forever.

**On behalf of the Czech Lymphology Society**  
**Martin Wald, MD, PhD**  
**Prague, Czech Republic**



I had the honor to know Oldrich for the last 15 years. A very kind and gentle man, very friendly to all but mainly a great scientific lymphologist person who dedicated his life on lymphology. Many times we talked together, and he was a very good teacher. Our lymphology family is poorer but we walking to the future, walking on the traces of Oldrich.

Farewell, Oldrich, and thank you for all. We will always remember you.

**Evangelos P. Dimakakos, MD, PhD, EDA / VM, MLD / CDT (P)**  
**President, World Congress of Lymphology**  
**President-Elect, ISL**  
**Athens, Greece**



I am particularly affected by the death of our colleague and friend Oldrich Eliška. All his life he was passionate about research in lymphology. He was, and remained, a particularly active participant in our congresses. He helped his wife, our colleague, with love and solicitude until her last breath. This man of science was also a good man. He confronted us, without hesitation, in discussions, sometimes animated, but his extreme kindness always pushed him to a friendly embrace.

Oldrich, you were one year older than me, and today I feel very lonely. Farewell, Oldrich, your friend,

**Albert Leduc, PhD**  
**Brussels, Belgium**



*A few more memories...*

A great lymphologist, but also a very dear friend... I am immensely sorry...

Marina Cestari

A great person, friend and scientist, always dedicated to carrying out new researches. He has always surprised us with his brilliant intuitions, which have always been a starting point for all of us for research and scientific study.

Francesco Boccardo

A gentlemen, scholar, incurable lymphologist, and a great dancer!

Marlys Witte

Oldrich was a warm, friendly, and respected person by all of us. He was a great lymphologist.

Amer Hamade

I will never forget a very cordial man, a great lymphologist, his interventions...

Pierre Bourgeois

A friend, a lymphology enthusiast, has left us. The expertise of his interventions during our congresses will be missed. Thank you, Oldrich, for your work in lymphology.

Prof. Olivier Leduc

A great friend and lymphologist!

Alexandre Pissas