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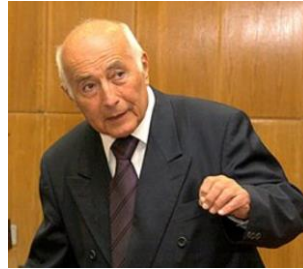
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## IN MEMORIAM OF PROFESSOR ANDREW PINTER



Dear Member of EUPSA

With a great sense of sadness, on behalf of the EUPSA Executive Board, I have to announce you that our Former President and dear friend Andras Pinter has passed away on August 19th.

Professor Andras Pinter was a milestone of EUPSA, President from 2005 to 2007 and he was awarded as EUPSA Honorary Member in 2015.

He was a highly respected member of the global paediatric surgical community, a great advocate for the welfare of children, particularly in the Eastern Europe, strongly promoter of the development of pediatric surgery throughout eastern countries.

He was a great fighter and a big heart, always inspired by optimism and smile.

Andras Pinter was born in 1937 in Pécs, Hungary. He obtained his medical degree on "Metabolic response of Surgery in neonates and young infants" at Pécs University. He completed his general surgical training at the same University, extending his study in pediatric surgery guided by his mentor, the well-known pediatric surgeon Imre Pilaszanovich.

In 1972-1973 he was in London doing research with Professor Andrew Wilkinson followed by his habilitation in the surgical treatment of urinary incontinence in children. After Imre Pilaszanovich's retirement Andras Pinter became the chief of Pediatric Surgical Department in Pécs where he treated a wide spectrum of pediatric surgical diseases with special interest in the genitourinary tract.

Andras Pinter's scientific publication work included 210 peer-reviewed publications in English, German and Hungarian, 2 books and 25 book chapters in English and Hungarian. He delivered over 160 lectures in nearly all European countries and internationally including USA, Brazil, Argentina, Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, India, Nepal, Cape Town, Bangladesh and Turkey.

Professor Andras Pinter was awarded as Honorary Member of BAPS, German, Austrian and Czech Association of Paediatric Surgeons, he was awarded as "Distinguished Overseas Guest of USA in



1991, He was named “Eternal Honorary President of the Hungarian Association of Pediatric Surgeons”, since 2007 he has been Emeritus Professor of Pécs University.

Andras Pinter was one of the founding members of the new EUPSA, he organized the “4th EUPSA Congress” in Budapest in 2001 and he was President from 2005 to 2007. One of his many achievements has been the successful introduction of the EUPSA “Eastern and Central Postgraduate Course of Paediatric Surgery” which supported the development of pediatric surgery in Eastern European Countries. He was the strongest supporter of the eastern pediatric surgical community inside EUPSA.

He did an immense work of relationship, reports, mentorship with all the eastern pediatric surgeons; he recently wrote a very nice chapter “Eastern Europe” on the book “A history of Surgical Paediatrics”.

Certainly this book needs to be completed by a chapter on Andras Pinter’s life and extraordinary work.

The condolences of all EUPSA members and myself are addressed to his beloved Kinga and his son Csaba who have continuously assisted him till the last moments he spent in his preferred house on the Balaton Lake. No kind words can replace the sense of emptiness, as shown in hundreds of messages that we received from all over the world.

Trying to grant his desire, I would like to propose to the Executive Board to establish an “EUPSA Andras Pinter’s Award” for the best contribution from a Young Eastern European Surgeon.

Thank you Andras

The EUPSA President  
Giovanna Riccipetioni

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Giovanna Riccipetioni', written in a cursive style.