

Prof. Dr. med. univ. Andreas Weiglein

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This year 2020 started very sadly and dramatically. AoUniv. Prof. Dr. med. univ. Andreas Weiglein passed away at the beginning of February 2020. With him, the anatomical family loses a very strong macroscopic and clinically oriented specialist. Especially the Department of Macroscopic and Clinical Anatomy of the Medical University of Graz, Austria, will miss his expertise in the dental fields.

Regarding his scientific and teaching career, he was a well-respected and honoured person involved in many associations. HE was not only member of the different anatomical societies (AG, AACAA, EACA, AAA) but also President of the EACA. Especially for the European Association of Clinical Anatomy he was part of from the very beginning and remained focused to keep the strength of this association until his death. What is more he always kept high scientific levels and standards which were important for the anatomical journals

such as SRA, European Journal of Anatomy, Clinical Anatomy and many others. In addition he was one of the pioneers for plastination. When plastination was introduced by Gunther von Hagens, Andreas was one of the first realizing the advantages of this preservation method especially for teaching purposes. So it was not a big surprise that he became the president of this association.

Anyway, it was not only the scientific person which was that impressive. His way of presentations at meetings was legendary and characterizing. He received awards for best presentations internationally but was also a very important idol for young anatomists concerning his flexibility in teaching. Following the tradition of the former Institute of Anatomy, taught by our great teachers Professor Thiel and Professor Anderhuber, he held the level of teaching high on pregraduate and postgraduate fields. He always tried to be open-minded

and encourages young anatomists to publish. He supported everybody and invited them to enlarge their knowledge. As a consequence, many anatomists and clinicians progressed with the support of Andreas.

We will always remember him and keep him in our memory.