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Memorial

Georges Guillen, 1929–1989



On March 24, 1989, at 60 years of age, Dr. Georges Guillen died while he was dictating a course at the University of Coimbra with

Professor Carlos Migueis. He died after completing a surgical demonstration, suddenly, evidently from a myocardial infarct. He was an exceptional individual who, in the scientific field, had the ability to enrich anything that he touched.

He began with otologic surgery and developed neurophysiology and the methods of exploration of the cochlear vestibular organs. He radically changed the concepts and techniques of the radiologic examination of the temporal bone and created the transorbital projection that carries his name. He also became interested in plastic surgery and described some important technical advances in surgery of the nose. He was a great teacher and an indefatigable lecturer. His scientific articles and books demonstrate a considerable ability to synthesize an idea and to present it clearly.

He was the founder of the International Collegium of Radiology in Otorhinolaryngology, which later became part of the European Society of Radiology of the Head and Neck. He was also president of the European So-

ciety of Rhinology and general secretary of the Portmann Foundation.

He was an extremely vital individual and became active in other areas in addition to his own professional activities. He was president of the Liberal Club, president for France and vice-president for the international group of the Lion's Club, community counselor of the Community of Bordeaux, president and director of the Saint Augustin Clinic, member of the Council of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Bordeaux, and Knight of the National Order of Merit. He was also a great friend and was interested in painting and sculpture.

Georges Guillen was an important contributor in the area of head and neck radiology, and his death is considered an important loss for those who were his friends, his pupils, and his admirers.

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