

# J.R.T.C. ROELANDT

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We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Professor Jos R.T.C. Roelandt, a leader in European Cardiology and a pioneer and innovator in the field of Echocardiography.

Jos Roelandt received his MD degree magna cum laude from the University of Leuven (B) in 1964. He specialised in internal medicine and cardiology at the same University and at the University of Leiden (NL). He joined the Thoraxcentre in Rotterdam in November 1969 and started research in clinical echocardiography.

He obtained his PhD degree 'cum laude' from the Erasmus University Rotterdam where he became professor of echocardiology in 1983. He was the chairman of the Department of Cardiology of the Thoraxcentre, Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam from 1987 until 2004.

In 1995 he obtained an honorary doctorate from the Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical University in Szeged (Hungary). He was an honorary member of the American Heart Association, the Italian Society of Cardiology, the Philippine Heart Association, the Croatian Society of Cardiology, the Slovakian Society of Cardiology, the Dutch Society of Cardiology, the American Society of Echocardiography and the European Association of Echocardiography.

Jos Roelandt served on the Editorial Board of numerous major cardiology journals, and was the author of over 1000 papers and 19 textbooks. He was the promoter of 37 doctorate theses at the Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

In 1989 he delivered the prestigious "P.D. White International Lecture" at the American Heart Association meetings in New Orleans. In 1993 he received an award of the Tufts University in Boston for his pioneering work in cardiac ultrasound and presented in 1994 the "A. Grüntzig Lecture of the European Society of Cardiology in Berlin. He delivered the "R.T. Hall Lecture" of the Australian

en New Zealand Society in 1996, the "Edler lecture" of the European Society of Cardiology in 1997, the "Edler Lecture" of the Swedish Cardiac Society in 1999 and received the Distinguished Scientist Award of the Portuguese Society of Cardiology in the same year. He presented the "55112 Memorial Lecture" at the XIVth World Congress of Cardiology in Sydney and the "Joan Barber Memorial Lecture" at the New York University Medical Centre (NY, USA) in 2002. In 2003 he presented the "Denolin Lecture" on clinical cardiology of the European Society of Cardiology and the "Wenckebach Lecture" of the Dutch Society of Cardiology. He received the "Pioneer Award" of the Mayo Clinic in 2004. In 2008 he presented the "Edler Lecture 2008" of the American Society of Echocardiography in Toronto.

Jos Roelandt served as chairman of the ESC Working Group on Echocardiography (1976–1982) and as president of the Dutch Society of Cardiology (1995–1997), the International Cardiac Doppler Society (1997–1998) and the International Society of Non-Invasive Cardiology.

He started the first formal teaching and training courses in echocardiography in Europe in 1974 at the Erasmus University and The International Postgraduate Course on Advances in Cardiac Ultrasound in Davos (CH) in 1980.

He is the Founding Editor of the European Journal of Echocardiography and was the editor-in-chief from 1999 till 2010.

He received the Cross of Officer in the Order of Leopold in 1993 and became a Knight in the Order of the Dutch Lion in 2003.

The passing of Jos R.T.C. Roelandt is a great loss to European Cardiology, and particularly to the of echocardiography community. He will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

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