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 1993 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. Grünzig Lecture of the European Society of Cardiology in Berlin. He delivered the “R.T. Hall Lecture” of the Australian

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