

Obituary

In Memoriam: Per Moller

B: 26.09.1943 D: 22.11.2016



The world of Neuro-otology and Skull Base Surgery has lost one of its most influential and productive otologists, a surgical teacher who contributed enormously to our specialty. Consultant at Bergen's Haukeland University Hospital in Norway, Per Moller helped to found the European Academy of Otology and Neuro-otology (EAONO) and loyally served on the Board of Directors of the Politzer Society and represented it as Scientific Advisory Member.

He was born and grew up in Kristiansand but moved to the University in Oslo for his medical studies where he qualified in 1968. A stint in general practice was followed by a year of military service at Gardermoen Air Force Base.

In 1971 he took up a junior hospital doctor post in the ENT Department at the Haukeland University Hospital where he subsequently trained in the specialty and soon after was appointed Professor in Otology and latterly Head of Department. Per built a national and then international reputation and was a frequent contributor to academic surgical meetings in Europe and further afield. He published his work widely in peer reviewed journals and was particularly passionate about building an evidence base for stereotactic radiotherapy in the management of vestibular schwannoma and more recently has been involved in studies on patient quality of life with his neurosurgical colleague and friend Ehrling Myereth. This resulted in his contribution to the Position Statement on the Management of Vestibular Schwannoma for the EAONO Guidelines document.

Per loved life and lived it in the fast lane, in his youth as an athletic runner and skier and subsequently in sports cars and power boats. He appreciated the outdoor life and could not wait for the first snow flakes of winter. He enjoyed waking up in the morning and always had a plan. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and a great friend. Those twinkling eyes and mischievous, impish grin were part of his charisma. We shall all miss him dearly.

Per leaves a loving wife Eva, daughters Helen, Nina and Christine and five grandchildren.

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