



### Frantz Langlais (1942-2007)

Frantz LANGLAIS abruptly disappeared from the European orthopaedic scene when he lost his life in a road traffic accident on June 15, 2007.

Frantz was a well known member of the orthopaedic community in Europe. He had been active in EFORT first as a national delegate for France, then as General Secretary and subsequently as Vice-President, and he was to come into office as President of EFORT in 2008.

He served on the Boards of several international and national scientific societies. He was a founding member of GRECO (Groupe de Recherche en

Chirurgie Orthopédique), and was its President in 1983-1985 ; he was also a member of the Boards of ISOLS (International Society of Limb Salvage) in 1989 and EAMST (European Association for Musculoskeletal Transplantation) from 1992 to 1996. He was to come into office as president of SOFCOT (Société Française de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie) in 2008.

He took part in our Belgian meetings on several occasions and in particular, he gave two lectures at our regular SORBCOT meetings. He had been elected as Honorary Member of SORBCOT.

Born in France in 1942, Frantz Langlais was an influent and very dynamic surgeon. He trained in Paris under Merle d'Aubigné and Postel at Cochin hospital and became head of the orthopaedic and trauma department at the University of Rennes in 1983. Orthopaedic oncology, hip surgery, limb reconstruction, bone implants, bone allografting and bone infection were his preferred topics. He was an enthusiastic, curious and proactive person. Parallel to surgery, Frantz was a generous person with compassion for social and societal issues for which he always tried to develop a positive and active approach whenever possible. He was a model of intellectual and moral integrity, with high ethical standards, and in any circumstances, he always maintained a line between industry and surgery.

Frantz will be remembered as a leading orthopaedic surgeon and a model for young surgeons.

SORBCOT offers his wife Mireille and his two sons Jonathan and Stephane its deepest sympathy.

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