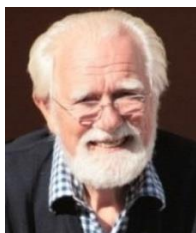


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Pr Dr Helmut Georg PRÄTZEL (1935-2023)



Pr Dr Helmut-G. Prätzel, born in Berlin, was first graduated in biochemistry then in medicine and was professor of physical medicine and balneology in Maximilian University in Munich. He was twelve years long, the president of ISMH (1991-2003). He was the author of a lot of scientific papers published in German and international journals.

His investigations were about Radon, sulfide, health resort medicine, transcutaneous physiology and therapy, pain control, immune status, climate, ...

He was still a Visio participant in the DAX 2021 ISMH Congress.

Pr Dr Umberto SOLIMENE (1942-2023)



Pr Dr Umberto Solimene, born in Milan, dedicated all his professional life to climate, balneology, and traditional medicine. As General Secretary first, then President of FEMTEC, succeeding to Pr Dr Nicolai Storozhenko, he developed a very important activity about training, scientific and spa care facilities development, all around the world. These last years, he showed an inexhaustible commitment, with eastern Europe countries, Russia (and a lot ex-soviet-union republics), China, central and south America, ... making possible an actual wider and worldwide diffusion and development of balneotherapy. He maintained the recognition of FEMTEC as an NGO obtained 27 years ago (1996 September 25th, Dr Ebrard being FEMTEC President). No one can replace such a man, and

it will be difficult to succeed him, but the successor will have to maintain and develop the links with WHO and all the achievements in the development of spa medicine.

Dr André AUTHIER (1947-2023)



A specialist in PRM, Rheumatology, Medical Hydrology, André Authier (Born in Limoux, France), past president of the French Society of Medical Hydrology, acted for more than 30 years as a spa doctor in Rennes les Bains, a small resort of the South of France. As the mayor of the resort his endeavoring commitment saved the thermal care facility of disappearance. Author of a remarkable book about French balneotherapy heritage, he participated and contributed to organize ISMH, FEMTEC congresses, French-spanish meeting of balneology.

Pr Adelino MARQUES (1931 – 2023)



Pr Dr Adelino Marques was a Cathedric Professor of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Coimbra (Portugal) (“Medical Propaedeutic and Laboratorial Semiotics”, “Nephrology” and “Ethics and Deontology”) was also Founder and Head of the Nephrology Department of the University Hospital of Coimbra.

He has been President of the Portuguese Board of Nephrology (1976-1979), President of the Portuguese Society of Nephrology (1988-1991), President of National Committee of Dialysis and Transplant (1990-1993).

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He was Regional President (Centre Region) of the Portuguese Medical Association (“Ordem dos Médicos”) from 1975 to 1979 and one of the founders of the Bioethics Studies Centre and “Science our concern for natural mineral water and climate” President of the Portuguese Committee of Ethics for Health (1990 -1997).

Clinical Director of the Portuguese Thermae of Gerç, Professor of Medical Hydrology at the University of Coimbra (till 1987), he was President of the Portuguese Society of Medical Hydrology (1977-1982) and President of the International Society of Medical Hydrology (ISMH), between 1980 and 1982. He organized the 1982 ISMH 29th World Congress which he organized with great success in the Azores.

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