Notable Men in ENT

Wolfgang Draf

One of the giants of 20th Century world otolaryngology, Dr. Wolfgang Draf was born on 29th November 1940 in Bonn, Germany. He did his Medical Studies in Wurzburg & Berlin between 1959-65 & internships between 1965-67. He then became scientific Assistant at Department of ENT diseases at university of Mainz under Prof. Dr. W. Kley and became ENT Specialist in 1971, Senior registrar in 1973 and completed Major Academic thesis, Habilitation otorhinolaryngology in 1974 and immediately became Associate Professor in same year. He became extra ordinary professor on 1st October 1976 after Dr. Helms took over the Department. Since 1st February 1979 he is Chairman of Department of ENT Diseases, head-neck & facial plastic surgery of Fulda Hospital, a Teaching Hospital of University of Marburg, Germany.

Dr. Draf has been affiliated to so many Academic societies of ENT. He was President of South West German Association of ENT Surgeons (1989), Member of the Board & Treasurer of German Society of Otorhinolaryngology head-neck surgery (1990-95), President of German Society for Facial & Reconstructive surgery

(1991), Fellow of Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh (since 1991), Member of Board & Treasurer German Society of Skull base Surgery (1991), President of Middle German Assn. of Otorhinolaryngologists (1994), Semon Lecturer Royal Society of Medicine London (1994), President of German society of otolaryngology, Head-neck surgery (1996) & President of German Society of Skull base surgery (1997). He is member of ten National & International Scientific Associations.

His main area of scientific work includes following topics : Vitality of Transplanted Middle Ear Ossicles, Endoscopy of Paranasal Sinuses, Endonasal Micro-Endoscopic surgery of the sinuses, surgery of skull base & Surgical Anatomy in Head-Neck.

He has delivered more than 350 lectures world wide, partly with surgical demonstrations & his publications number is also more than 250.

He has written about six interesting & very useful Monographs on endoscopy of Paranasal sinuses, head-neck surgical anatomy, surgery of skull base and on other topics mainly in German but also in English and Italian languages. He has also written 6 Chapters in major text books of otolaryngology. He is extremely friendly and jovial, and a disciplined person. A great number of ENT surgeons from all over the world have observed and seen his surgical skills and has learnt various surgical procedures, mainly functional endoscopic sinus surgery.

Presently he is very active both in surgical practice and in academic circles of otolaryngology and we wish him to deliver a lot more to the world of ENT.

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