In Memoriam

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Professor John B. Chang, Chairman, Board of Directors, International College of Angiology (ICA) and Editor-in-Chief, *International Journal of Angiology* (IJA), a highly regarded vascular surgeon, educator, leader, and humanitarian passed away on December 1, 2015. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Chang family to whom the entire ICA Board of Directors, Officers, and Editors would like to extend their condolences.

He was born in Seoul, Korea in 1936. Dr. Chang received his MD (1962) and MS (1965) degrees from the Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea. He completed his residency training in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery at the National Medical Center, Korea in 1967. In 1967, he married Dr. Lucy J. Chang and that same year they immigrated to the United States in pursuit of further training. Dr. Chang completed his postgraduate training in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery in Cleveland, OH and Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, NY.

In 1990, he was recruited to SUNY-Stony Brook School of Medicine, Stony Brook, NY as Assistant Professor. In 1992, he became Professor of Clinical Surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY. His academic appointments through 2015 included Professor, Clinical Surgery, Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine, Hempstead, NY and Adjunct Professor, Clinical Surgery, Albert Einstein School of Medicine, Bronx, NY. Dr. John B. Chang was a board-certified vascular surgeon with many years of experience. He was a member of the Promotions Committee, Department of Surgery, Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine, Hempstead, NY, Director, Long Island Vascular Center, Roslyn, NY, and Senior Attending Surgeon, Northwell Health, NY.

Dr. Chang was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the ICA, Editor-in-Chief of the IJA, and Founding Chairman of the Asian Society for Vascular Surgery. His weekly vascular teaching rounds and conferences for medical students, interns, residents, and fellows serve as blueprints for the development of future surgical leaders. He was an outstanding educator and clinician. Students and residents at all levels were drawn to him because of his kind and gentle style of

teaching and his depth of knowledge. His passion to further the career of future achievers led to the establishment of the

“Young Investigator’s Award Competition” and the “Professor John B. Chang Research Achievement Award” programs of the ICA and the Asian Society for Vascular Surgery. Dr. Chang was the Program Chairman for scientific teaching conferences at the Annual World Congress of the ICA and Program Chairman for quarterly, multidisciplinary conferences of the ICA’s Angiology Workshop. Dr. Chang’s extramural professional responsibilities included appointments to the editorial board of *The Journal of Neurological and Orthopaedic Medicine and Surgery* and *Asian Journal of Surgery*. He had been on the editorial board of seven journals and was editorial advisor and guest writer for *Vascular Diseases*, reviewer for the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* and International Advisor for the Congress of the Vascular Society of India. As if these achievements were not enough, he had been an Honorary Police Surgeon for the City of New York, NY. Dr. Chang held fellowships and memberships in 23 national and international professional societies and organizations. He had received over 53 professional honors, awards, recognitions, and citations for his work in vascular surgery.

The ICA has established the Professor John B. Chang Oration Lecture in his honor. Dr. Chang had been distinguished for his teaching at the Department of Surgery of Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine. He has given more than 166 invited presentations at national and international scientific forums. He has authored numerous books and published more than 137 articles and book chapters on the medical and vascular surgical management of patients with special emphasis on research, and in particular, the long-term outcome of carotid endarterectomy with vein patch, aortic aneurysms, and lower extremity revascularization. He coedited a major *Textbook of Angiology*. On February 8, 2014, Dr. John B. Chang received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the LIJ Medical Center Staff Society recognizing him for his exceptional qualities as a physician, educator, leader, compassionate humanitarian, and friend. This

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highly prestigious honor recognized Dr. Chang's eternal devotion and dedication to his students, residents, and peers. Dr. Chang developed the ICA and IJA to the present levels. He was the real soul of the ICA and IJA. He was not only a superb clinician, but also a wonderful teacher and highly accomplished leader. He will be missed both nationally and internationally.

He will be truly missed by his wife Lucy (a physician trained in anesthesiology), two sons, Victor (Director of Counseling at Southern Oregon University and Codirector

of Southern Oregon University Health Center) and Robert (also a highly talented Ivy-League trained vascular surgeon), and three grandchildren, as well as his friends and colleagues of the ICA.

As a scholar, outstanding educator, mentor, and friend of us at the ICA, words cannot express our profound sympathy for the loss of our beloved Chairman and Editor-in-Chief.

"Rest in peace dear John. Your work and dreams will always be alive."