

## OBITUARY

# In Memory of Professor Guy Meyer, 1957–2020



Professor Guy Meyer passed away on December 9, less than 9 months after the sudden onset of symptoms that revealed the disease that took his life. He was 62 years old. For his family, friends, and colleagues, this is a terrible loss.

Professionally, Guy incarnated consensus. He was intellectually brilliant yet discreet, always managing to make others shine. He knew where he wanted to go and used his skills and energy to reach his goals. In his particular domain of scientific interest for over 30 years, pulmonary embolism, he participated and/or was the leading force in clinical studies that led to many publications in renowned medical journals. His main contributions concerned thrombolysis for severe pulmonary embolism, diagnostic strategies for pulmonary embolism, and cancer-associated venous thromboembolism. His work granted him uncontested international recognition, culminating recently in the cochairmanship of the European Respiratory Society and European Society of Cardiology guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary embolism. His death also leaves us with many ongoing projects.

Guy knew how to run efficient and united working teams. His unanimous nomination as head of the French EU-backed F-CRIN INNOVTE network of clinical researchers on venous thromboembolism was a symbol of this ability. But besides his interest and talent for clinical research, Guy always remained a devoted clinician and a passionate teacher. Until recently, he continued to participate in night shifts at Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou, where he was head of the Pulmonology Department, partly because he considered that it was a way to know first-hand how the hospital worked and estimate health care quality in real time. Maintaining such a close contact with clinical medicine certainly fed his curiosity for solving clinical questions that mattered. Guy was also a passionate defender of public hospitals and particularly the Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris, where he received his training since he was a medical student. His passion for teaching and transmitting medical knowledge

reflected in some ways a debt he owed to the university hospitals that had formed him.

For those of us who had a chance to get in closer contact with Guy, he was a wonderful person. Kindness and humility were his main human qualities. He was always attentive to others and reluctant to attract the spotlight. His exquisite sense of delicate humor was a charming bonus. He was also a man of great culture in painting and literature. A well-informed amateur of classical music, he was an erudite in opera. He liked cooking and was a connoisseur of fine wine. Finally, despite his many professional constraints, his family was always a priority, and he transmitted some of his passions to his children. Guy is survived by his beloved wife, Assia, and children, Vincent, Lara, Nora, Mehdi, Amelle, and Mona.

As colleagues and friends, the least we can do now is to try to follow Guy's tracks.

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