



Dear All Global ICS Fellows:

**Please see the following obituary in reference to Dr. Arno A. Roscher,
a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons.**



ARNO A. ROSCHER, MD

OBITUARY

BY MAX DOWNHAM

DR. ARNO A. ROSCHER, AN HONORARY FELLOW OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, PASSED ON DECEMBER 8, 2024. DR. ROSCHER BECAME A FELLOW OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN 1968. IN 2004, DR. ROSCHER WAS HONORED BY THE COLLEGE WITH AN HONORARY FELLOWSHIP CONFERRED ON HIM.

THROUGHOUT THE 56 YEARS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE COLLEGE, DR. ROSCHER WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED AND WELL-LIKED BY ALL WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE AND HONOR OF KNOWING HIM. DR. ROSCHER ALWAYS SMILED WHEN HE GREETED PERSONS. HE HAD A CORE PHILOSOPHY IN REFERENCE TO HOW TO LIVE A LIFE, IN GENERAL, AND AS A PATHOLOGIST WORKING WITH SURGEONS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

“MAN – WHETHER IN THE WOMB OF THE MASSES, OR WITH HIS WORKMATES, OR, WITH HIS FAMILY, OR ALONE – CAN NEVER FOR ONE MOMENT FORGET THAT HE IS LIVING IN A WORLD IN WHICH HE IS A MEANS AND WHOSE END IS NOT HIS BUSINESS.” Alberto Moravia

DR. ROSCHER’S ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IS UNSURPASSED. HE LOVED THE COLLEGE. IN REFERENCE TO THE FOUNDER OF THE COLLEGE, DR. MAX THOREK, THE FOLLOWING QUOTE PERTAINS: “AND WHILE I MAY NEVER HAVE MET THE MAN, I LIVED HIS VISION, AND I EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO HIM FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES AFFORDED ME HERE.” THESE WORDS EXEMPLIFY DR. ROSCHER’S ATTITUDE WITH RESPECT TO THE COLLEGE.

DR. ROSCHER TRAVELED ALL OVER THE WORLD TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLEGE MEETINGS AND EVENTS. HE DELIVERED A PRESENTATION ENTITLED “A THIRTY-NINE YEAR JOURNEY”, IN WHICH HE ENUMERATED THE MEETINGS AND LOCATIONS WHERE

HE HAD TRAVELED WITH THE COLLEGE. THIS WRITER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF INTRODUCING HIM A FEW TIMES AND IT WAS ALWAYS AN HONOR. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEN ICS WORLD PRESIDENT PROFESSOR GEORGIOS TSOULFAS, IN 2022, DR. ROSCHER WAS GIVEN THE HONORARY TITLE OF “*FOUNDING SENIOR HISTORIOGRAPHER OF SCIENTIFIC CONGRESSES*”. A MOST FITTING AND WELL-DESERVED TITLE! IN THE WORDS OF PROFESSOR TSOULFAS, “*DR. ROSCHER WAS A TRUE GENTLEMAN AND A FELLOW WHO HAD GENUINELY MADE THE ICS A PART OF HIS LIFE AND EXEMPLIFIED THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COLLEGE.*”

DR. ROSCHER AND HIS LONGTIME FRIEND OF 38 YEARS, DARLA EMMONS, KNEW HOW TO ENJOY LIFE. DR. ROSCHER BROUGHT JOY AND HAPPINESS TO MANY PEOPLE.

DR. ROSCHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF SURGICAL SCIENCE (IMSS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DR. ROSCHER AND HIS NEPHEW, DR. TOBIAS RAABE, DEVELOPED AND INSTALLED A MILESTONE EXHIBIT IN THE MUSEUM FOCUSED ON *GENETICS IN SURGERY* IN 2010, THE FORERUNNER OF SEVERAL FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITS IN THE MUSEUM. IT WAS DR. ROSCHER’S FORESIGHT, WITH THE SUPPORT OF DR. RAYMOND DIETER, CHAIR, MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THAT THIS PRECEDENT WAS SET. PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING WORDS FROM DR. DIETER.

“I don’t ever remember Arno without a smile - he was always happy and enjoying the day -making everyone else happy. Wherever we were, he would say to me, let’s go here, or let’s go there, always wanting to see more or learn more. All this activity was centered around the International College of Surgeons – the ICS, the College, the meetings, and the Museum - the IMSS. He wanted to visit the ocean-going ancient ships while in Turkey, he wanted to climb the ruins and go swimming in the cool sea - which we did.

As the leading ICS pathologist, he loved to discuss and present comments at the many meetings. Arno was a proud member of the medical profession, as well as the ICS. In so many different ways, he benefited our relationship as well as the medical community.

When we had an article to publish or a textbook containing hematologic or pathologic topics, Arno was always interested and willing to be a participant. Arno was dedicated to his friends, the ICS, the IMSS, and life. When you met Arno Roscher, one became aware of his enthusiasm and life's interest.

As a Fellow member of the ICS and the IMSS, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve and work with Dr. Arno A. Roscher. Dr. Raymond Dieter, Chair, IMSS Board of Directors

WHENEVER THIS WRITER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF INTRODUCING DR. ROSCHER AT A MEETING, I RECALL DR. ROSCHER REQUESTING ME TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE WAS BORN IN ALBERT EINSTEIN'S BIRTHPLACE, ULM, GERMANY. HE WAS RIGHTLY PROUD OF HIS BIRTHPLACE.

DR. ROSCHER ATTENDED AND RECEIVED HIS MEDICAL DEGREE FROM LUDWIG MAXIMILIAN UNIVERSITY IN MUNICH IN 1954. HE DID AN INTERNSHIP IN WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK. HE HELD MANY SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS ENDING WITH HIS APPOINTMENT TO GRANADA HILLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, CALIFORNIA.

DR. ARNO A. ROSCHER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. MAY GOD REST YOUR SOUL.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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