Obituary

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Claude V.

Perrier

A dreadful accident on the lake cost Prof. Claude V. Perrier his life, on July 26, 1975, at the age of 45.

After graduating in Lausanne, Perrier received his clinical training mostly in Geneva, and 1 year in Zurich. During this time, he submitted a thesis on Hypo-kalaemia due to psychogenic subnutrition following excessive use of laxatives, for the Doctor's degree.

In 1962, he went to New York in order to specialize in gastroenterology, working there with D.A. Dreiling, with whom he wrote The pancreas, in Zimmermann and Levin's treatise: Physiological principles of surgery (1964). Back in Geneva, he produced many original works, especially on the mechanisms of gastric and pancreatic secretions.

He returned to the USA in 1968, to improve his knowledge in pharmacology, at Laster's laboratory in Bethesda near Washington. 'Clinical pharmacology' has recently been included in the new Swiss medical curriculum, according to the WHO plans, and in Geneva Perrier was appointed Professor of this new science, in 1970. He then developed an undergraduate teaching program as well as a drug information service for university hospitals. In 1973, he wrote a chapter on gerontopharmacology in the treatise on geriatrics by E. Martin and J.P. Junod. He also took on the important task of chairing a Swiss federal commission on the selection of medical students to the universities.

But he did not forget gastroenterology and recently studied the relationship of acetylsalicylic acid and the stomach, and performed an important work (yet unpublished) with C. Gross: Intrahepatic portosplenic shunts in cirrhotic patients.

His colleagues greatly valued Perrier's competence and the way in which he combined scientific rigor with practical helpfulness; he will be greatly missed in the Faculty and in the Cantonal Hospital of Geneva.

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