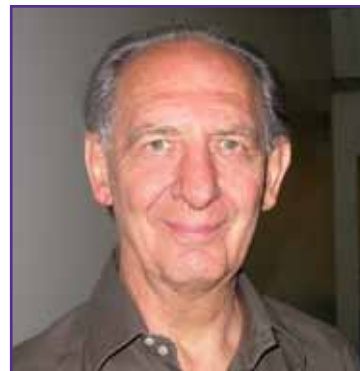


Dr. Zelman Simonovich (1932-2022)



Dr. Zelman Simonovich was born in the city of Caucete, Province of San Juan, on July 18, 1932 and died in Haifa, Israel, on July 6, 2022.

His professional training was very rigorous, including his time in many first-level services such as that of Professor Leoncio Fernández, of whom he was a disciple.

His outstanding work at the Güemes sanatorium in this capital in the 1980s led him to become head of that service, in which he reflected his transforming vision of the specialty, creating the subspecialties that currently govern orthopedics and traumatology.

In 1987 he founded the “Centro Centenario de Ortopedia y Traumatología” of which he was also its head.

This leadership was recognized in the specialty due to its constant modern and innovative vision.

He was president of the SAMECIPP (*Sociedad Argentina de Medicina y Cirugía de Pie y Pierna* [Argentine Society of Medicine and Surgery of the Foot and Leg]) during the years 1993-1994 and during this mandate, he was the IDEOLOGIST AND FOUNDER OF THE SOCIEDAD LATINOAMERICANA DE PIERNA Y PIE (FLAMECIPP [Latin American Society of the Leg and Foot]) whose first congress was held in Buenos Aires.

He possessed a deep sensitivity towards his family in particular, but also towards his patients and colleagues. He took everything and everyone into account and for this reason he was loved in medical circles.

Professional, complete, demanding, and sought after for interconsultation.

He was the trainer of many, those of whom we do not stop remembering him.

Recognized nationally and internationally for his capacity and bonhomie, he convened and was convened by notable figures such as: Bernard Regnault, Antonio and Ramón Viladot, Samuel Barouk and Michel Maestro, among others.

As a distinctive feature of his personality, I must highlight his convening power, a virtue that made him a leader in any area. Many of us owe him our training and career.

A leader has left us. We keep his teachings and wisdom.

He was a fighter, an excellent friend, and the bearer of remarkable curiosity.

Whoever felt the warmth of this man in his life will surely have noticed his interest when asked about different concerns, his attentive and serene gaze gave his interlocutor that security that he lacked or that point of view that he had not thought of.

Ansel, for his friends, was a faithful and safe hand, founder of a medical group to which his colleagues are proud to have belonged.

May time witness the permanent memory of his close family and also of those who, like us, had the privilege of having him as a role model.

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