

Eduardo Santini Araujo, M.D.



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By recently leaving us, Eduardo Santini Araujo, who passed away on September 28th, left us we all, the Orthopedics family, with a great vacuum. In clinical practice, the name of Eduardo Santini Araujo is so associated with Orthopedics that it is difficult to think of him as just a specialist in bone pathology. He was, together with his master, Fritz Schajowicz, the only one who, without formal training in Orthopedics, was given the specialist degree by our Association after fulfilling the necessary requirements.

After graduating at the Colegio Nacional Buenos Aires, probably influenced by this training along with his inquisitive spirit toward universal culture, he completed his residence in General Pathology and, soon afterwards, he started collaborating with Schajowicz at the Hospital Italiano of Buenos Aires. During many years they both shared an intense activity exclusively focused on bone pathology, what was determinant in his training. As a token of his high human being quality, whenever Santini Araujo referred to Schajowicz it was with admiration, loyalty and gratitude, in spite of his master's utter severity.

Always on the alert for solving problems, ready to talk to the patient or the colleague, tirelessly in search of final diagnoses, Eduardo was made a great consultant doctor by many centers in our country, such as the Gutiérrez Hospital, the Hospital Británico, the Hospital de Clínicas, the Argerich Hospital, the Austral Hospital, the Military Hospital and the Hospital Italiano's CINEOT. Moreover, Eduardo was part of our AAOT's board having founded two guest-societies—the Oncologic Orthopedics Argentine Association and the Osteosynthesis, Materials and Biomaterials Argentine Association.

His close relationship with enormously prestigious international centers of Orthopedics Pathology allowed him to develop a close friendship with prominent colleagues such as Chris Unni, from the Mayo Clinic, and Franco Bertoni, from the Bologna Rizzoli Institute. This is not the right time to describe his contributions to bone pathology. However, it is worth highlighting that he was the president of the International Academy of Pathology, and lately he published a book on bone pathology which was widely spread at international level.

Eduardo was intensely passionate about Orthopedics; so much so, that he encouraged his daughter Gala to also become a specialist in Orthopedics; she now also is an AAOT Titular Member.

Many Argentine orthopedists have received Santini Araujo's help and training for their professional practice, and many others have also been lucky enough so as to enjoy his friendship and kindheartedness. His affection, his smile, his fine and impaired judgment at the time of making diagnosis will remain effectively among us.

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