

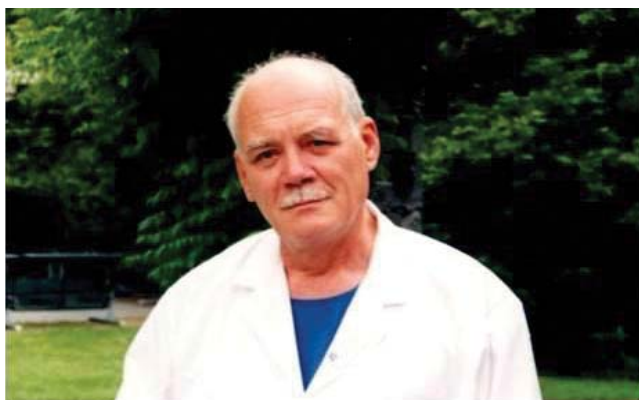
## EDITORIAL

# IN MEMORIAM

## Dr. Ernst Schneider (1940-2021)

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With deep sadness, we mourn the death of an extraordinary physician, innovator, and friend Ernst Schneider on the 25 July 2021. He will be greatly missed.

Probably most of the Romanian cardiologists never heard about Dr. Schneider, but he was a close friend of the Romanian interventional angiology and a mentor of several of the best interventional cardiologists and interventional radiologists from our country.

Doctor Schneider was born in Talmaciu, a village in the southern vicinity of Sibiu on 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 1940 in a Saxon family. After attending primary school in his native village, he graduated from the Bruckenthal High School in Sibiu. He obtained his medical degree at the University of Cluj in 1962 and received his Postgraduate Speciality in Internal Medicine at the same University, nine years later.

In 1971, he immigrated to West Germany as most of the Saxon population from Romania did.

In 1973, Dr. Schneider obtained his Postgraduate Speciality in Internal Medicine after residency in “Max

Ratschow” Angiology Department from Darmstadt-Eberstadt, West Germany.

In 1975, he moved in Switzerland and worked as resident in Cardiology in the Cardiology Division of the Zurich University Hospital. After Cardiology, he became a resident in Angiology in the Angiology Division at the same hospital (1977-1981), where he was colleague and friend with Andreas Gruentzig, both being young and enthusiastic. After Dr. Gruentzig’s departure to United States, Dr. Ernst Schneider continued to work at the Zurich University Hospital, being the Director for Interventional Angiology from 1987 until his retirement in 2005. After retirement, Dr. Schneider continued his interventional practice until 2018 at the Angiology Department, Klinik im Park, Zurich.

His entire professional life was dedicated to the patients with peripheral arterial disease. Being among the first interventionalists, he contributed to the development of this therapeutical method and invented several specific catheters and devices. His approach was to use the most efficient and direct way of intervention, avoiding sophisticated and expensive methods, when it was possible.

Dr. Ernst Schneider was a member of several European and American scientific societies and served among the experts in the panel of „International Consensus-Conference for Critical Limb Ischemia” (1991-1994) and of „International Consensus-Conference for Thrombolysis” (1996).

The excellence of Dr. Schneider’s professional activity was recognized by „1<sup>st</sup> Gold Medal, awarded by the International Andreas Gruentzig Society for the Merits in Catheter Therapy” in 1992.

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Dr. Ernst Schneider encountered Romanian interventionists in 1997, attended congresses several times, and participated in interventions in Romania. In addition, he invited several interventionists for additional training in Zurich.

Dr. Schneider's professional qualities were doubled by his humanistic qualities. He always behaved in a very natural way, with great calmness and wisdom, both in his personal and professional life, being a positive and generous person.

A great friend of the Romanian interventional Cardiology and Radiology passed away, but the seeds he sowed are already flourishing.

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