

Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. mult. Otto Braun-Falco – a person one will never forget

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25th of April 1922, born in Saarbrücken, West Germany

Died 9th of April 2018 in Munich

1941–1943 medical school, University of Muenster 1943–1945 soldier in the Second World War

1948 medical exam, University of Mainz, began residency in Dermatology with Prof Egon Keining

1954 Habilitation (Ph.D. thesis)

1955 Oberarzt

1960 extraordinary (apl) professor

1961–1966 Chair of the Department of Dermatology, University of Marburg

1966–1991 Chair of the Department of Dermatology, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

1982–1985 President, German Dermatological Society (DDG)

Founding member and president of ESDR (1972-1973)

1977-1982 President of ILDS and ICD

1993–1997 Secretary/Vice-president of the mathematics and natural science class, Bavarian Academy of Science

Congress organizations

Fortbildungswoche für praktische Dermatologie und Venerologie every 3, later 2 years in Munich, founded by Prof Alfred Marchionini until 1991

1988 DDG congress (together with S. Borelli and R. Breit)

Many international symposia, e.g. Dermatopathology, Allergy

Honours

Bayerischer Verdienstorden and Maximiliansorden für Wissenschaft und Kunst, Free State of Bavaria Bundesverdienstkreuz 1. Klasse, Federal Republic of Germany

Medal (München leuchtet), City of Munich Order of the Rising Sun, Japanese Emperor

Drs honoris causa from

Gent, Marburg, Berlin and Liege. Completed medical studies at the University of Mainz.

He was one of the most outstanding researchers, scientists, and clinicians, not only in the field of dermato-venereology, but a Renaissance man, always surrounded with people who greatly admired and supported him. Not to be forgotten, his cooperation with Polish dermato-venereology and a long-lasting friendship with Prof. Stefania Jabłońska as well as other professors formed the basis for mutual development of research and educational projects of the highest quality ever.

We will miss him a lot, as the international family of dermato-venereologists, and he will stay in our hearts forever.

May he rest in peace.

Prof. Dr. Magdalena Czarnecka-Operacz and Prof. Dr. Harald Gollnick