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Prof Jean Louis Chaussain (1938-2021)



It is with great sadness that I learned that Professor Jean-Louis Chaussain passed away on January 4, 2021 at the age of 83.

Professor Jean-Louis Chaussain was an internationally well-known pediatric endocrinologist. Besides science and research, Jean-Louis contributed significantly to the development of the discipline in France and Europe.

He trained and performed pioneering work in San Francisco with the Melvin Grumbach team. This experience was instrumental for his academic career, clinical and scientific approach to the discipline of pediatric endocrinology.

He directed the department of the Saint-Vincent de Paul hospital in Paris, from 1986 to 1989, and the

Department of Pediatric Endocrinology, from 1989 to 2003.

He was a master for dozens of pediatricians in pediatric endocrinology, in France and in a large number of foreign countries. He has always maintained close links with a large number of students and residents. He was also able to create a network of professional collaborations and friendly interactions with colleagues from different European and Mediterranean countries. Jean-Louis garnered a myriad of professional appreciations and the prestigious Andrea-Prader Award, from the European Society of Pediatric Endocrinology. He chaired the “France-Hypophyse Association” from 1991 until its closure in 1997 and played a key role in the development of the use of recombinant growth hormone in France. Since 2005 he has been a member of the French Academy of Medicine.

A man of great culture, strongly linked to his native region, the Auvergne but even more to Provence and Italy, a clinician able to share his curiosity and knowledges with those around him. He will long be remembered as a leading scientist in his field, a mentor and a honorable Researcher.

We have lost one of the most distinguished leaders of pediatric endocrinology, a man of great kindness, a sincere and generous friend of Parma Pediatrics.

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