

### In memoriam Dr. I.F. Vesa (1948-2011)



It gives us great sadness to inform the readers of the Romanian Journal of Neurosurgery about the loss of our distinguished colleague and friend, Dr. I. F Vesa, who passed away on August 17, 2011. Born in 1948 in the village of Zam, Romania, Dr. I. F Vesa saw daylight in a rich county full of ancient tradition and honor, called "Motilor Country".

He attended high school in Deva and graduated from the "Carol Davila" University School of Medicine in Bucharest in 1968, after which he began his medical practice in various hospitals in Bucharest.

Since 1975 Dr. I. F Vesa trained in neurosurgery as a resident at the Bagdasar-Arseni Hospital, in Bucharest, for six years until 1981. Dr. I. F Vesa has trained and worked at this Clinic with Prof. C Arseni and his coworkers; he had a good work relationship with Dr.M Ghitescu, a senior

neurosurgeon at that time, who became gradually one of his mentors.

Starting with the year 1981 Dr. I. F. Vesa practiced the art of medicine as a neurosurgeon at St. Andrew Hospital in Galati with Dr. Grigorovici (who was also trained in the Neurosurgery Clinic at Bagdasar-Arseni Hospital).

In 1981 Dr. I.F. Vesa became head of the Department, until 2008. He was not only a pioneer of neurosurgery in Galati but he also showed authentic leadership qualities that allowed him to become the director of St. Andrew Hospital there from 1991 to 1997/

Dr. I.F. Vesa was a good colleague, a generous man with a strong character who never forgot the moral principles which he was educated with. A proud man of the "Apuseni Mountains", Dr. I.F. Vesa was a fighter throughout his life, succeeding in all challenges offered by his destiny. He fought the disease for years without making his medical condition public, but his generous heart suddenly stopped. Although he left us, Dr. I.F. Vesa will always remain in the conscience of those who knew him, and hopefully in memory of readers of Romanian Neurosurgery.

May he Rest in peace!

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