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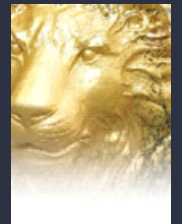
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### Congress

[23rd SECEC-ESSSE](#)[Congress](#)

(Lyon, France)

14-17 September, 2011

The 23th congress of the European Society for Surgery of the Shoulder and the Elbow will take place in Lyon (France) under the Presidency of Gilles WALCH.

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For his contribution to shoulder surgery that he will be remembered in his country, he was a founder member of the German Society for Shoulder and Elbow Surgery and a major ambassador for German surgery within SECEC.

For his contribution to shoulder surgery, he studied orthopaedics in Northern Germany, he studied orthopaedics in Israel. After completion of his military service, he sought out the very best residency and fellowship programmes without restrictions of national borders; a feature that characterized his professional life. The opportunity to work under Norbert Gschwend at the Klinik Wilhelm Schulthess in Zurich and Hans Uhthoff in Ottawa shaped his professional style and academic interests. The residency in Ottawa led to his promotion to the faculty as an Assistant Professor from 1987-1991. During this time he made major scientific contributions, notably in the field of rotator cuff surgery. He returned to Europe with complete command of the English Language, retaining his English accent learnt as a young man at school in Sussex with only a hint of a North American inflexion.

His time in Wuerzburg from 1991-1995 was extremely successful, with the award of a PhD thesis in 1993. He contributed greatly to the distinguished university department led by Prof Jochen Eulert, who remained a friend and supporter throughout his career. It seemed only natural that he would return to the Klinik Wilhelm Schulthess as Chefarzt, to work with his great mentor, Norbert Gschwend.

Although Zurich became his, and his family's, future and final home; He accepted the Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery in the beautiful Hanseatic City of Luebeck, so close to his family roots. This period of little more than a year was followed by the important, but challenging appointment as clinical director of the Endoklinik in Hamburg from 2002 to 2008. It is particularly sad that his final position, so close to his family and home, was to be so short. He chose to join The Endoclinic Hirslanden in Zuerich earlier this year.

Many of his friends and colleagues within SECEC welcomed this news as his final move potentially created more time for him and his family as well as allowing us to share a little bit more of his companionship, incisiveness and sense of fun. He created a beautiful home in Zuerich filled with outstanding works of furniture and art, reflecting his discerning taste and his family's very European legacy. He will be greatly missed but at this sad time, our thoughts are with his wife Inge, and his children Elisabeth, Nikolaus and Philipp