

It is with great sadness that the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes announces the premature loss of **Professor J. Gordon McVie**, a symbolic figure of the fight against cancer and an international authority in cancer research and care.



A pioneering oncologist, Professor Mc Vie passed away aged 76, leaving behind a life full of achievements with more than 40 years of clinical research, over 350 peer-reviewed papers and prominent positions in some of the world's leading cancer organisations.

After serving for many years as Clinical Director first of the Cancer Research Campaign and then of The Netherland Cancer Institute, Gordon joined the European Institute of Oncology as adviser to Umberto Veronesi. Alongside Prof. Veronesi, he also set up Ecancermedalscience, an open cancer journal.

He brought substantial contributions to the field of cancer care including establishing localized administration of chemotherapy, and encouraging the use of chemotherapy for the treatment of lung cancer throughout the EU.

Gordon supported OECI as co-opted Member to the Board, introducing the Grouping to Ecancermedalscience, which soon became the OECI Official Journal.

With an incredible talent in pin-pointing cutting-edge clinical research and in promoting the dissemination of science, Gordon was also a real gentlemen and a sincere OECI friend.

Our joint collaboration truly benefitted OECI, and its participation to several editions of the OECI Oncology Days was for us a real honour.

His brilliant vision and huge energy will be dearly missed, but his scientific achievements shall live on, and his initiatives will continue to benefit future generations of scientists and clinicians.

On behalf of the OECI family, I offer our utmost sincere condolences to his beloved wife, friends and colleagues.

We will never forget a friend, a mentor and a real European example for everybody.

On behalf of all the OECI Cancer Centres/Institutes

*Professor Thierry Philip
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