

IN MEMORIUM
Prof. ALFRED MARCHIONINI

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By the death of Prof. Alfred Machionini M. D. on the 6th April 1965, the world has lost one of its most distinguished and popular dermatologists. Prof. Machionini died of leukemia. He was 66 years old and died in harness. Until last few weeks of his passing away, he was working as the Director of the University Skin Hospital of the Munich University.

He was born in Königsberg (now in Eastern Germany). He had lost his father during his childhood. He studied medicine in Freiburg. He had worked with Prof. Jadassohn, Unna and Nekam. Due to the Nazi regime, Dr. Alfred Machionini had to leave Germany for political reasons. During this period he was working as the head of the Skin Clinic at Ankara in Turkey. In the year 1947, he returned back to Germany. In 1950 he was offered Directorship of the Munich University Skin Hospital. During 1954/55, Munich University elected him as Rector Magnificus. In the year 1958, the Vienna University also elected him as Rector Magnificus but Prof. A. Marchionini did not accept this offer.

Dr. Machionini was a humorous and generous personality. He used to have fatherly attitude towards foreigners taking post-graduate training in his world-famous institute. In his regime, Munich University Skin Clinic was full of enthusiasm and devotion towards dermatology. All the interspecialities of dermatology e. g. dermato-radiology, dermato-history, dermato-histochemistry, dermato-virology and cosmetic surgery were very well-developed. During his days, Munich was in the real sense the Mecca of Dermatologists all over the world.

Prof. Marchionini was indeed a roving ambassador of Dermatology. He had many trips to foreign countries for attending Dermatology Congresses and meetings. He held honorary membership of 40 foreign dermatological societies including one of Indian Association of Dermatology and Venereology. He had attended and taken active part in our Fourth Annual Conference held in Bombay, in February 1962. He was M. D. honoris causa of the Strasburg University and was the founder publisher of the dermatology journal 'Der Hautarzt'. The gigantic series of the Jadassohn's Hand Book of Skin & Venereal diseases will always remain as his unforgettable monument.

Prof. Marchionini was a brilliant teacher, a devoted research worker and able administrator. He is well known for his researches on correlating sociology, ethnology and dermatology as well as for his acid mantle.

Prof. Marchionini, due to his qualities of head and heart, was a very respected figure at the international level. In 1962, at the XII International Congress of

Dermatology, he was elected President of the XIII Congress scheduled to be held at Munich in 1967. In the year 1964, he was elected as the President of the International Society of Tropical Dermatology. Unfortunately all these honours came too late. Prof. Marchionini is survived by his wife Dr. T. Marchionini. Prof. Marchionini will always be remembered by dermatologists from all the corners of the world and dermatologists in near and distant countries trained under him will always recognise their debt to him.

(one of his students)

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