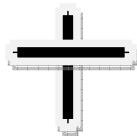


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Obituary



Mr Peter McLean, M.S; FRCSI; FRCSEng; FRCSEd.; FACS.



Mr McLean was a Consultant Urologist practicing in The Charitable Infirmary , Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin ,Ireland .The hospital was the premier teaching institution of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland during the 60s and 70s. It was in that hospital that he was instrumental in establishing the first renal transplantation unit in the country,and subsequent development of the specialty in Ireland.

He was a Council member of RCSI for many years. He was elected President in 1997. It was during his Presidency that RCSI held its 5th Overseas meeting in association with the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa - March 1998, Durban, South Africa.This meeting was perhaps the harbinger of RCSI's increasing attention to this part of the world and its current close links with the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa.

In 2003, Mr McLean was elected Vice President of the International Federation of Surgical Colleges and in 2006 became President for a 3 year term of office. For over a decade Mr McLean worked towards establishing surgical links with the underdeveloped countries in Africa. It was as a result of his efforts that three COSECSA representatives became members of the Federation Council - the first President; the current Vice President; and the Registrar. It was also during his tenure of Office that three distinguished Professors from Ireland started annual Basic Science Courses in Kenya and Zambia.

Mr McLean was to be honored with the Fellowship of our College in December 2009. Unfortunately, he could not travel to Kigali because he lost his wife to terminal cancer .He was looking forward to receiving his Fellowship at the December 2010 Annual General Meeting in Kampala, and give a talk on "Irish support for COSECSA". As fate would have it, this was not to be, he died suddenly on 8th September 2010.

COSECSA has lost a true advocate and friend. May his soul rest in eternal peace

Prof. Krikor Erzingatsian.