



Dr. Eduardo Mele (1948-2024)

On November 25, 2024, Dr. Eduardo Fernando Mele passed away at the age of 76 in the city of Buenos Aires where he was born on October 9, 1948.

Dr. Mele received his medical degree from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) in 1972, his certification as a university cardiologist in 1979, and his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1998, also from UBA. He completed his residency program in cardiology and was chief resident at *Hospital Torcuato de Alvear* in Buenos Aires from 1972 to 1977. From 1978 to 2000 he was a staff physician in the Department of Cardiology and Head of the Coronary Care Unit at *Hospital de Clínicas José de San Martín* of the UBA. From 1985 to 2001 he held the position of Head of the Intensive Care Unit at *Sanatorio Anchorena* in Buenos Aires, and from 1999 to 2001 he was Head of Cardiology at the same institution. Finally, from 2007 until recently, he served as a staff physician at the Department of Cardiology of *Sanatorio Güemes* in Buenos Aires, where he was responsible for overseeing the care of inpatients. Throughout his extensive career, Dr. Mele received unanimous recognition from his peers for his perceptive spirit, intelligence, knowledge, and academic brilliance.

Another facet of Dr. Mele's professional activity was his contribution to clinical research, reflected in publications in national and international journals. He also participated as a speaker in numerous national and international congresses and academic conferences.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Mele developed a fruitful teaching career. He was Professor of Medicine at the UBA, General Coordinator of the Center for Continuing Education of the Argentine Society of Cardiology, Deputy Director of the Cardiology Specialist Course of the UBA, *Sanatorio Güemes* venue, and Member of the Academic Committee of the Cardiology

Specialist Course of the UBA. In this extensive commitment to teaching Dr. Mele demonstrated a deep vocation and a dedicated and caring spirit.

Dr. Mele's remarkable participation in institutions, particularly the Argentine Society of Cardiology (SAC), reflects his dedication to service and professional commitment. Became Full Member in 1982 and was elected president of the institution in 2008 when the World Congress of Cardiology was held in Buenos Aires.

At the international level, Dr. Mele did an outstanding work. Was fellow of the American College of Cardiology, European Society of Cardiology, and Interamerican Society of Cardiology. In 2017, he held the position of Governor of the Argentine Chapter of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Mele was a highly regarded clinician, an astute researcher, and a dedicated educator. His personality was characterized by discipline, perseverance, scientific knowledge, and dedication to service. But beyond his unquestionable scientific values, his affability, balanced character and moral integrity consistently earned him the well-deserved recognition of patients and colleagues.

I met Eduardo in 1977 when we were both students of the Cardiology Specialist Course directed by Prof. Dr. Albino M. A. Perosio. Since then we built a solid friendship. In 2004, when I was Vice President of the SAC, I had to assume the role of President on numerous occasions due to the illness and subsequent passing of our beloved President Mario Ciruzzi. This was an additional responsibility, apart from the organization of the Congress of Cardiology to be held that year. I sought the assistance of someone who could help me in that task and Eduardo was an excellent collaborator. Furthermore, he assumed a prominent role in the organization of the Congress. Since that time,

I am indebted to him for his invaluable contributions.

As a world reference said, “in the fleeting time we have on this Earth, what matters is not wealth, or status, or power, or fame—but rather, how well we have loved, and what small part we have played in making the lives of other people better.” Dr. Eduardo Mele loved and made the lives of many people better and perhaps, also made all of us better.

It is with profound sadness that we bid a final farewell to our colleague, peer, and friend, and we

extend our deepest sympathies to Ana Salvati, his cherished and devoted partner, his children Pablo, Verónica, and Fernando, his grandchildren Olivia, Juan, Tomás, Clara, and Luca, and to all those who knew Dr. Eduardo Fernando Mele.

The journey is over, may you rest in peace, Eduardo.

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