

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ROYAL BELGIAN SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGY (RBRS), Leuven, 16.11.2013

Presidential address



It was a great honour to serve as your president during the year 2013, and to organize in Leuven the annual symposium, which was well attended.

The general assembly of the Royal Belgian Radiological Society has now decided to dissolve the Society, and its scientific mission was absorbed by the new Belgian Radiological Society. The purposes of this new Society are to protect our professional interests, and to foster training, education and scientific work in radiology. By bringing all

these goals under one umbrella, a stronger Society can be built, allowing a more efficient communication and interaction with other stakeholders in the Belgian social security. This is important to safeguard and improve our position amongst other medical caregivers.

I wish the new Belgian Radiological Society good luck, and I hope you will continue to support our new Society.

Leuven, November 16th 2013,
Prof. Dr. Robert Hermans

Honorary Membership Nominees of the RBRS

Roberto Maroldi

Prof Maroldi was born in 1954, in Vicenza, in the region of Veneto. He studied medicine at the medical school in Verona, graduating in 1979 and later became board certified radiologist at the same university. In 1982 he moved to the department of radiology at the university of Brescia, in the region of Lombardy. He became assistant head of the department in 1989. He was promoted to full professor in 2006, and became chairman of the department in 2007.

His main clinical and scientific interest goes to head and neck imaging. He served as president of the section of head and neck radiology of the Italian Society of Radiology, and was for a long time board member of the European Society of Head and Neck Radiology, organizing twice the annual meeting of this Society.

To date, Prof Maroldi gave over 300 presentations and invited lectures at national and international meetings, published more than 65 articles and 35 book chapters.

Within the world of head and neck imaging, the Brescia school is of high standard and reputation, not in the least by the work by professor Maroldi. He is actively promoting a multidisciplinary approach to head



Pr R. Maroldi (left) receiving the Honorary Membership diploma from President R. Hermans.

and neck pathology. His rigorous attention to technical details, as well as his meticulous analysis of the imaging findings, constitute important points of reference to all of us.

Apart from being an academecian and scientist, prof Maroldi is a keen sportsman; in his younger times, he

represented his country as member of the Italian athletics sportsteam.

Because of his important contributions to radiology, and the field of head and neck imaging in particular, the RBRS has the honour to bestow on professor Maroldi the honorary membership of the Society.

Hervé Tanghe

Dr Tanghe was born in 1952 in Antwerpen, and studied medicine at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. After a short residency in Internal Medicine in Antwerpen, he trained as neurologist at the Erasmus Medical Centre University Hospital in Rotterdam, immediately followed by a training as radiologist at the same institution, completed in 1986. After this, he followed several postgraduate training in Neuroradiology and interventional neuroradiology in Amsterdam, Nancy, Zürich and Leuven.

Since 1987 Dr Tanghe is staff member of the department of radiology at the Erasmus Medical Centre in Rotterdam, being responsible for both neuroradiology and head and neck radiology. In this last field, dr Tanghe mainly focused on temporal bone imaging.

Dr Tanghe authored or co-authored about 40 articles in the field of neuroradiology and ear imaging, including interventional aspects, published several book chapters on ear imaging, and widely lectured on these themes both at a national and international level.

He currently is the chairman of the official postgraduate subspeciality



Pr H. Tanghe (left) receiving the Honorary Membership diploma from President R. Hermans.

course in head and neck radiology and neuroradiology, created by the Dutch Society of Radiology.

Dr Tanghe is a fervent sportsman. His sport is fencing, and his best result was a 6th place in the Belgian National Championship.

Because of his important contributions to radiology, and the field of neuroradiology and head and neck imaging in particular, the RBRS has the honour to bestow on dr Tanghe the honorary membership of the Society.

Guy Marchal

Professor Marchal was born in 1946 in Ukkel, studied medicine at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, and specialized in radiology at the University Hospitals Leuven, became staff member in the department of radiology at the same institution, and was promoted to full professor in 1992.

He was member of the board of the RBRS, and served as president of this Society in 1997.

From 1997 till 2010, prof Marchal was chairman of the department of radiology at the University Hospitals Leuven.

Professor Marchal's scientific achievements are numerous. His interest shifted over the years from pediatric radiology, over ultrasound to computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging, with a special interest in non-invasive tissue characterisation by these techniques. He is author or co-author of over 700 papers on medical imaging, and promoted or co-promoted many doctoral works in this field. Quite unique is the collaboration that prof Marchal has fostered with engineers and medical physicists, bringing imaging and patient care to a next level.

Prof Marchal has also played an active role in professional is-



Pr G. Marchal (left) receiving the Honorary Membership diploma from President R. Hermans.

sues, making radiological services more efficient, trying to find a better balance between available financial resources and imaging capacity.

After becoming emeritus, prof Marchal further engaged himself in

helping the development of local medical imaging projects in Africa.

Taking all these elements into consideration, the RBRS has the honour to bestow on professor Marchal the honorary membership of the Society.

Jacques Pringot

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

As the President of last year symposium, I had asked Professor Pringot if I could pay tribute to him as an honorary member of the Royal Belgian Society of Radiology as it was scheduled. However, for minor medical reasons, it was not possible last year, that is why I am doing it now.

I won't tell you Professor Pringot's birth date but I can assure you that he does not show his age. He was born in the Belgian Ardennes, it may seem a detail but it has all its significance.

First, he went to college in Godinne sur Meuse, in the same region where I am working now (CHU Dinant – Godinne) and then to the University Faculties of Namur.

What is interesting and exceptional in his University education is that he has been an internist before becoming a radiologist. He was interested in radiology thanks to Professor Wolfgang Frick during a two-year stay in the academic hospital of the University Erlangen-Nurnberg where he worked as research fellow in internal medicine. After a year in endoscopy he was resident for a second year in radiology. He obtained a doctorate in medicine with a thesis in gastroenterology.

In 1965 he was resident in the radiological unit of Professor Pierre Bodart in Herent and obtained in 1966 a diploma of internist at the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL) and was nominated supervisor in Radiology.

In 1971, he was appointed lecturer at the Catholic University of Louvain. Starting in 1977, he was Professor of Radiology and in 1988 he was awarded the title of ordinary Professor.

The amount of oral scientific presentations and posters he presented is really considerable, as well as his publications. The result of his exceptional career looks like a huge cursus.

He is member of many scientific societies and participated in many congresses focused on gastro-enterologic and thoracic radiology.

Since 1974, he has been an active member of the Royal Belgian Radiological Society. He is a permanent member of the board and editor-in-chief of the "Journal Belge de Radiologie-Belgisch Tijdschrift voor Radiologie" (JBR-BTR) which is an excellent and ever-expanding Journal of Radiology in the World with a current Impact Factor of 0.26.... !



Pr J. Pringot (left) receiving the Honorary Membership diploma from Past-President J.F. De Wispelaere.

He is also member of a lot of editorial boards of many well-known journals. He has received many honorific distinctions like "Award" *magna cum laude* for RSNA in 1999.

Among the scientific publications, some of his book chapters are considered as references mainly in barium Radiology, CT and MRI. Some interesting chapters were also written in collaboration with colleagues of KUL and ULB.

Professor Pringot is a pure Belgian! His wife is Flemish and they live in Flanders in the Heverlee area.

Professor Pringot is a keen traveler and with his wife Geneviève they visited "Black Africa" where he is going back very soon.

It is no coincidence if his favourite hobby is hunting, shall I remind you his Ardennes origin? That means that he didn't hunt only on the University campus !

He practices this hobby full-time, in particular in Belgium and I am hesitating in asking him to come hunting in my own garden next to Namur because there are many wild boars...

Before finishing, let me say a couple of words about his passion for two great historical figures: Alexandre le Grand and Charles Quint, who was also born in Belgium issued from the "Hapsburg" family (called "meridional Netherlands" in 1500). This is where the comparison ends...

Jacques Pringot is a true gentleman; he is really not interested in Power. It is his acute intelligence, his

implication in what he believes in and his ability for clinical investigation associated with incontestable humanist qualities that make him someone exceptional!

These are the main reasons why the Royal Belgian Radiological Society (soon Belgian Society of Radiology) is paying him tribute today.

Last word to characterize Jacques Pringot - but is it a quality or a shortcoming for someone who is a great dreamer: absent-minded ? This is also part of his personality because for him I shall always be Jean-Frédéric and not Jean-François....

Jean-François De Wispelaere
President RBRS 2012

Dear President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I feel greatly honored and very proud of this honorary membership which is the highest honor delivered by the Royal Belgian Radiological Society and am deeply grateful to the Board of the Society and more particularly to past-President De Wispelaere who took the initiative last year and to President Hermans who delivered this impressive diploma.

I am also proud that both presidents are academic colleagues, the first one from UCLouvain where I was ordinary professor of radiology and now professor emeritus

and the second one from KULeuven with which departments of radiology and gastroenterology I had durable special scientific relations. This moment is also right to thank my dear family who allowed without restriction time and space to my professional activities, my parents who invested in a best education, my university and my mentors in radiology:

Professor Wolfgang Frik, at the University of Erlangen-Nurnberg in whom department my career as a radiologist was initiated.

Professor Pierre Bodart, in whom department I was a member during 25 years and partner.

Professor Heiko Shirakabe from Jutendo University in Tokyo who inspired gastric and colonic double contrast techniques, and Professor

Alexander Margulis to whom reference textbook of alimentary tract radiology I was a contributor.

Finally, I regard this high honor not only as an appreciation for what has been done for our society but as a stimulus to do further and if possible better for the good of our new Belgian Society of Radiology.

I thank you so much.

Professor Em. Jacques Pringot

Members of the Symposium Faculty and Board of RBRS in 2013



From left to right: J. Verschakelen, H. Tanghe, R. Maroldi, M. Lemort, D. Henroteaux, C. Delcour, A. Van Steen, J.F. De Wispelaere, R. Hermans, J. Pringot, G. Marchal, Y. Lefèvre