

In memoriam

On February 28, 1989

Prof. Dr. Dr. Joseph Rutenfranz

passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 60.

The editor and publishers and those involved in occupational medicine in Germany deeply grieve the loss of one of their friends. Joseph Rutenfranz was a long-standing board member of the German Society for Occupational Medicine, its present vice-president, its president from 1979–1982 and vice-president until 1985. As a scientist he enjoyed a high reputation internationally and received many honors and awards; as coeditor of the *International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health* he spent many productive years disseminating research results in occupational medicine. His personal integrity, his human warmth, and his uncompromising objectiveness made him not only an untiring supporter of the scientific interests of occupational medicine, but also an emissary who nurtured contact and friendships with innumerable colleagues beyond the borders of our country, especially our neighbors in the East.

Joseph Rutenfranz has gone from us far too soon. The gap he leaves behind is great. We grieve a fine physician, a man. May we express our deepest sympathy to his family.

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