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Dr. António Guimarães, who passed away on 10 February 2002, was born in Oporto, Portugal, on 14 January 1948, the son of António Manuel Guerreiro Chaves Guimarães and Fernanda Aves Queiroga Pereira Guimarães. He was married to Maria João Dias Pessanha Guimarães and was the father of two children.

After his graduation in medicine at the Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade do Porto in October 1973 and completing general residency at the Hospital de S. João in Oporto, Dr. Guimarães became a member of the Ordem dos Médicos (General Medical Council) on 22 October 1974. In March 1977 he began his voluntary

residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery with the Ordem dos Médicos under the guidance of Flávio Guimarães. He took the National Examination for Access to the Speciality in 1978, obtaining a score of 88%, which allowed him to choose a place in plastic and reconstructive surgery residency in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Hospital de S. João in Porto.

After 2 years of training in this Department, he went to Bordeaux, France, where he worked for 1 year as an “Attaché a Titre Étranger” in the Department of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Esthetic Surgery and in the Department of Surgery of the Hand at the Hôpital de Saint-André under the guidance of Jacques Baudet. He obtained the University Diploma of Microsurgery from the University of Bordeaux. He passed the final examination for plastic and reconstructive surgery residency in July 1981 in Oporto, obtaining the classification of “excellent.” In February 1982, following a national selection process, he became a Consultant in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Hospital de S. João. He passed the Specialty Examination in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery of the Ordem dos Médicos in July 1982 with “unanimity and eminence” (quality recognition certificate). In April 1989 he took the curriculum National Examination, which granted him the degree of Clinical Chief. In January 1984 he carried out a 6-month fellowship with Daniel Marchac in plastic and craniofacial surgery, both in private practice and at the Hôpital Necker Enfants Malades.

In May 1991 he submitted his curriculum to the examination of the European Association of Plastic Surgeons, with its seat in Strasbourg. He was then elected “Active Member,” being the first Portuguese admitted to the Association. In October 1992 he became Senior Consultant in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Hospital de S. João. In January 1994 he was elected to the Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery of the Ordem dos Médicos. In July 1995 he was unanimously admitted as a Specialist of the recently created Maxillofacial Surgery Speciality, by the National

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and Executive Council of Ordem dos Médicos. In February 1996 in Val d'Isère, France, he was elected as a permanent member and as Portugal's representative, at the Alpine Workshop on Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

In March 1996 Dr. Guimarães was invited to preside over the Chapter of Esthetic Surgery by the Portuguese Society of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Esthetic Surgery. In March 1997 he submitted his Curriculum Vitae to the Board of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. His candidacy was accepted and was presented to the General Assembly, which met in San Francisco, Calif., USA, in September 1997. He was then elected as a Corresponding Member. In April 1997 he was elected as a member of the Board of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Esthetic Surgery of Ordem dos Médicos, becoming its President.

Dr. Guimarães was a very meticulous surgeon, never using an inappropriate technique. In addition, he was a pioneer in certain areas of plastic and reconstructive surgery in Oporto:

- The first finger replantation (1982)
- The first toe transfer (1982)
- The first distally based island radial forearm flap for hand reconstruction (1982)
- The first cross-face nerve graft (1986)
- The first Lejour reduction mammoplasty (1992)
- The first Lassus reduction mammoplasty (2000)

He attended courses, congresses, and conferences through the world as a mere spectator, speaker, round-table participant, and moderator. Dr. Guimarães was a man with a strong personality, character, sense of justice, rectitude and friendship.

The following is a list of the societies of which Dr. Guimarães was a member:

- International Confederation for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- International Society for Aesthetic and Plastic Surgery
- European Association of Plastic Surgeons
- American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons
- Alpine Workshop on Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (presently Portugal's representative)
- Federación Ibero-Latino-Americana de Cirugia Plástica
- Portuguese Society for Plastic, Reconstructive and Esthetical Surgery (presently Head of the Plastic Surgery's "Capítulo")
- Portuguese Society for Microsurgery (Founding Member)
- Portuguese Society for Burns (Founding Member)
- Portuguese Association for Esthetic Medicine (Founding Member and Member of the Administration's Council)
- Portuguese Society for the Medical Sciences