

Obituary

Jack Edward Davis, M.D. (1918–1997)

The Argentine Society of Plastic Surgery and plastic surgeons worldwide are saddened by the death of Jack Davis, a prominent figure in our specialty.

Born in the province of Buenos Aires in 1918, Jack Davis graduated as medical surgeon in Córdoba, Argentina, in 1943. For 3 years he held a rotative residency, and then worked as surgeon at the British Hospital, Buenos Aires, from 1946 to 1954. In 1948 he trained under McIndoe, Gillies, Kilner, and Mowlem in Great Britain on a “Sir Eugene Millington Drake” grant.

In 1950 he founded the Argentine Society of Plastic Surgery and, in the same year, received the “Senior Award” from the Education Foundation of the American Society for Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, with which he was bestowed again in 1964 and 1971.

Jack Davis was Chief of the Plastic Surgery Department at the “Evita” and British Hospitals in Buenos Aires in 1954.

In 1970 he presided over the First Argentine Congress on Aesthetic Surgery. Jack Davis had always played an important part in ISAPS, was its president from 1977 to 1979, and was made an honorary member in 1992.

He received the First Prize at the XIII Argentine Congress of Plastic Surgery in 1983. Author of many chapters in Plastic Surgery, in 1987 he edited an outstanding book entitled *Aesthetic and Reconstructive Otoplasty*, published by Springer-Verlag.

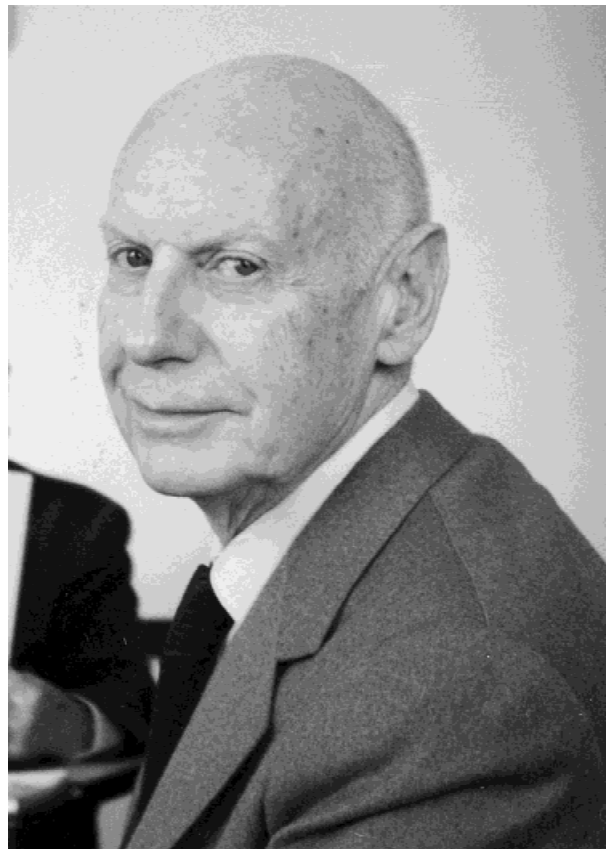
Dr. Davis was bestowed with the title of “Maestro” by the Argentine Society in 1993 and, a year later, received a moving tribute during the III International Course of the Ibero-Latinamerican Federation in Viña del Mar, Chile.

Awarded an Honorary Professorship by the medical faculty of the University of Buenos Aires, in 1996, he also received a prize for investigative teamwork on “Morfoauricular Syndrome in the 6th Month: Ontofunctional Conceptuality,” at the XXVI Congress in Rosario, Argentina.

His second book, *Otoplasty—Aesthetic and Reconstructive Techniques*, was published in June of 1997. Jack Davis passed away on July 26, 1997.

At Dr. Davis’ memorial service, Dr. Julio Cianflone, President of the Argentine Society, emphasized that “a ‘Maestro’ is not he who works in or from a school, but he who creates his own school, who shows the way, defines behavior, sets goals, and attracts disciples.”

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