



Dr. Bernardo Boskis

National and international Cardiology has lost one of its most outstanding members, who during 65 years of professional work covered different areas, all of them exerted with dedication, capacity, enthusiasm and great vocation.

He was born in Buenos Aires 93 years ago and received his medical degree at the Universidad de Buenos Aires. His early training was at the Hospital de Clínicas, where he continued working for many years, especially teaching, and I am bound to say, systematically donating his salary to the Hospital.

It is almost impossible to make a brief summary of his activity during the 56 years he devoted to Cardiology. It would need writing a book, but it is worth mentioning that he was president and organizer of numerous national and international congresses of his specialty, all of them hugely successful, not due to luck or chance, but to his enthusiasm and innate organizational capacity. Among many others, the 1974 World Congress of Cardiology, in which he was Technical Secretary and the 1993 World Rehabilitation and Iberoamerican Congresses. He was President of the Argentine Society of Cardiology, providing it with its first Postgraduate Teaching Area, opening the pathway to an important growth of the SAC. He was also President of the Interamerican Society of Cardiology and President of the Argentine Cardiological Foundation, in addition to numerous lesser positions. In 1988, Dr. René Favaloro invited him to

be part of the group of seven colleagues, who under his leadership launched the Hospital de la Fundación Favaloro, that opened in June 1992. A year later, they inaugurated the Universidad Favaloro, and in both Dr. Boskis held the post of International Scientific Secretary.

Stress and Rehabilitation and Prevention were his favorite topics in the medical- scientific sphere, in which he was a pioneer. He participated in and wrote various books and numerous scientific studies and gave countless conferences.

In his private sphere, he created a center called CPR and then Cardiotest, with the participation of his two sons, both cardiologists, while his daughter followed other interests. It is impossible to speak of Dr. Boskis without mentioning the incredible support of his wife Betty, a genius of public relations, who accompanied him in his activities with capacity and enthusiasm until the last day. Unfortunately, he lost his sight 3 years ago and had to retire, though he remained lucid keeping his information updated. The Argentine Society of Cardiology had the nobility of making him a tribute in the 2014 closing Academic Act.

He was an example of capacity, work and nobility of spirit, and his departure left an enormous void in those of us who had the privilege of sharing his path.

Prof. Dr. Branco Mautner^{MTSAC}