



Dr. Jorge Omar Vilariño (1954 - 2019)

He was born on August 9 in his beloved Venado Tuerto, or “One-eyed Deer” as he used to call his city among his colleagues abroad, and graduated as a doctor at the University of Rosario, Santa Fe.

He attended the Residency in Cardiology at the Cardiology Service of Hospital Militar Central (Central Military Hospital). We met him there, always smiling, willful, never tired, and with an avidity for the odd knowledge. He never uttered a complaint, lament or disagreement for the 364 km he had to travel to reach Buenos Aires for some scientific or medical reason, and he never stopped asking, consulting or studying the topics that interested him.

Then there was a time where he performed his medical activity in his city and in Rosario.

I met him again in mid-1995 at a Cardiology congress on endothelial function in New Orleans, USA. And there we began a more human than scientific relationship. It would be too extensive to describe the work developed jointly since then, both medical as in teaching or research.

Dr Vilariño excelled in all the circles in which he participated, and not only for his personal simplicity but also for the depth of his observations and the categorical nature of his comments.

As a researcher, he published several dozen scientific papers in specialized medical journals in our country and abroad. He also organized community research on cardiovascular risks in large areas of his neighborhood. As a teacher, he worked in pre and

postgraduate programs, and was Professor of Cardiology at Universidad del Salvador. He presented scientific communications and gave lectures throughout our country and in several scenarios abroad, covering multiple cardiology topics, but mainly that of prevention of cardiovascular diseases.

I shared with him the Direction of the Postgraduate Diploma course in Atherosclerosis, the first university distance-learning course in our area on Atherosclerosis, at a time when this form of teaching methodology was not foreseen. We published several books on the specialty, distributed free of charge among cardiologists in our country and South America.

Regarding his health care activity, in addition to an intense work in his local environment, he worked as a consultant in Cardiovascular Prevention in several institutions of Buenos Aires.

He died in the accomplishment of his medical work when he left his city very early to arrive on time for his activities in Buenos Aires.

Obsessive reader, updated professional, human being of exquisite personal bonhomie, loyal friend and always at his patients' disposal. His departure leaves a void difficult to fill for his patients and an enormous sadness for those of us who knew him and learned to love him.

Ricardo J. Esper