

Laudation

Professor Keiichi Maruyama

Professor Keiichi Maruyama – nowadays the most famous oncology surgeon in the world - was born in Tokyo in 1937.

He has got the M.D. degree at the Keio University, where he specialised also in general surgery. Between 1972 and 2002, i.e. for 30 years he was the head of the Department of Surgical Oncology of the National Cancer Center in Tokyo. At present he is working as Professor of Surgical Oncology of the International University of Health and Welfare Sanno Medical Center in Tokyo.

His scientific activity is characterized by his 300 published papers, chapters, presentations.

His main scientific-surgical interest are the wound healing of intestinal anastomosis and the surgical treatment of gastric cancer. He analysed the gastric cancer incidence by histologic subtypes based on a mathematical model. The „Maruyama Computer Program”, the new surgical method: systematic lymph node dissection by lymphography and computer estimation, as well as his method of para-aortic lymph node dissection proved of primary importance and contributed to the improvement of gastric cancer treatment.

He was Visiting Professor in Argentina, China, Korea, Singapore, Poland, Italy, etc. He was Director of WHO Collaborating Center of Gastric Cancer and has got the honour of Honorary Member of Italian, German, French, Turkish, Brazil, Polish, Hungarian, etc. Surgical Societies.

Professor Maruyama participated in the foundation of the Japan-Hungarian Surgical Society and established scientific- friendly connections with the surgeons of Semmelweis University. By handing over the results of his surgical work, methods of his surgical procedures and techniques to the Hungarian colleagues he is continuously contributing to the successful treatment of our patients.

In 2008 - estimating his scientific work and his contribution to the Hungarian-Japanese connections - he was given the „Knight Cross Order of Merit” by the President of Hungarian Republic.