

## **Palabras del Presidente en el ingreso como Académico Honorífico del Dr. D. Friedrich-Wilhelm Eigler**

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Today we enjoy an exceptional opportunity for sharing the pleasure and satisfaction that on behalf of this centuries-old institution of the RAMCV, deserve in joining with our academic peers, with dignitaries from the university and health authorities, medical colleagues from Spain and Germany here present, as well as medical students and members of Alicante society, the ceremony of investiture of Prof. Heigler as honorary member of our institution

Following the presentation of the medal and diploma of accreditation as new Academic, it is now my pleasant task to highlight shortly some of his outstanding qualities that they may serve as an example for the new generation of medical professional and surgeons. Prof. Justo Medrano has already given us an excellent view of the brilliant academic, fact that deserves our recognition for the honorary membership

I would like to highlight some aspects of his personality and his work:

First I want to emphasize his perseverance and faith in his own work that enabled him to succeed in their early year as a young surgeon becoming full professor (Ordinarius) and chef of Surgery in the University Hospital of Essen and building up and excellent Department of Surgery and the first German kidney transplantation Center, after having succeeded with the first kidney transplantation in July of 1972

In second place is the demonstration of his ability to lead a number of innovative projects in Germany extending the transplants programme in the whole country and promoting transplants from the kidney to others organs as is the case for the liver as well as chairing (1990-1994) the group of the German Transplant Centers. Additionally as a general surgeon developed mayor interest in the field of oncological surgery introducing new procedures to control colorectal cancer.

Finally I wish to outline his human view of the scientific world, imbued with a sense of service. In this sense merits to mention the promotion of the superregional cooperation for organ harvesting. Also is worth to comment the promotion of teams

working on the problem of xenotransplantation as a way to solve the eventual shortage of transplantable organs.

Moreover I want to emphasize his interest in ethical questions such as the “self determination” and “informed consent” of the patients witnessing the preserved role of the Hippocratic Oath in the modern medicine.

Today recognition is not the first that Dr. Eigler warrants in our country. A couple of years ago he already received the Doctorate of the University Miguel Hernandez.

The lecture...on is a demonstration of what has been and is today, his view of the surgery.

Within this context I would like to make a few comments, as example, of what has been magisterial described by the new Academician for the robotic surgery, which opens a gradual expansion of machines throughout the body, and through the full range of possible procedures. In addition to the “*Da Vinci’s device*” primary focus on the abdomen, bots are currently aiming drills in the brain, reshaping joints, and using lasers to correct vision. But the future of surgical bots appears be in some of the most challenging and specialized operations: microsurgery or surgeries performed at a microscopic scale. Nevertheless microsurgery will not replace traditional surgeries, but will help solve specific problems.

In conclusion, let me consider that has been a privilege for this RAMCV to welcome Prof. Eigler as honorary member here, in the Medical School of the University Miguel Hernandez of Alicante. His presence among us will stimulate not only academics, but also the younger generation of surgeons and scientists to keep the flame of professional work and research alive.

Zum Schluss lassen Sie mich auch in Ihre Muttersprache gratuliere. Ich gehöre zum die Generation von Ärzte das wie Prof Justo Medrano Ihre Fachausbildung in Deutschland durchführten,ziemlich lange Zeit her. Meine Wandelung begann in Köln als junge Medizinstudent in eine kleine Abteilung für Chirurgie in Langenfeld-Reichgrat Kreis-Krankenhaus und später, gebe mehrere Jahre mit die Spezialisierung und Doktor Arbeit in die Pathologie in München. Seitdem behalte ich enge Beziehungen mit die Deutsche Medizin. Deshalb ist für mich eine Große Ehre Sie als Mitglied unsere Korporation zu empfangen.

Muchas gracias a todos por su presencia participación en este agradable acto.