In remembrance of

Leslie J. De Groot (1928-2018)

It is with the deepest sorrow that the ETA has learned of the passing of Dr. Leslie J. De Groot on 23rd October, 2018, Research Professor at the University of Rhode Island and at the Institute for Immunology and Informatics at the downtown Providence Campus of the University.

Leslie J. De Groot MD (“Les”) devoted his life, with superlative fervour and zeal, to Endocrinology and Thyroid research. He fulfilled his passion for passing on his vast knowledge to others by creating the online textbooks "Endotext" and "Thyroidmanager" and serving for more than 15 years as Editor, thereby providing an extraordinary wealth of information and education to thousands of physicians round the world. His outstanding scientific achievements are also reflected in the 384 articles appearing in PubMed and the countless book chapters that he authored or co-authored.

Les was a truly emblematic figure of the medical profession, who, through the breadth of his knowledge, the acuity of his judgment, and his distinctive style and presence made a profound impact on the advancement of science. His endeavours will continue to light up the pursuit of medical knowledge for innumerous Endocrinologists in the years to come, thus keeping his legacy alive. He is survived by his five children, among whom his daughter, Ann, who is a physician and researcher, and who will take over the torch from her father. On behalf of the members of the Executive Committee and all the members of the European Thyroid Association, we express our sincerest condolences to his family and to his many friends and colleagues.

Les will forever be missed by so many!

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