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Obituary, Professor Göran Åkerström 20th March 2026

It is with a heavy heart that Indian Association of Endocrine Surgeons Members join to mourn the loss of one of the true icons in Endocrine Surgery, **Professor Goran Åkerström**. He was a thoughtful surgeon, dedicated researcher, a trusted mentor and dear friend to so many of us in the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES). Professor Åkerström's impact on endocrine surgery started with his seminal work on parathyroids; documenting their histology, physiology and the anatomical distribution of the glands. Throughout the 1980's, he studied the parenchyma cell mass of both diseased and normal parathyroid glands, was involved in the early studies of ultrasound location and recognized, then documented the vague cognitive symptoms impacting HPT patients. In the 1990's, he championed the surgical management of midgut neuroendocrine tumours, teaching us how to assess resectability and safely resect extensive mesenteric disease, improving the QoL for hundreds of patients. In the next two decades of his career, Professor Åkerström took on leadership roles in the IAES that were fundamental in helping this organization grow and become the society we are today. He was Secretary Treasurer from 1997-2003 and lead the organization as President from 2007-2009. In 2011, following in the footsteps of Theodor Kocher, Professor Åkerström became President of the International Society of Surgery. He was a delightful gentleman who was genuinely interested in the young surgeons of the IAES. He was instrumental in promoting the next generation of researchers, mentoring hundreds of surgical investigators world-wide. He will be missed. Yet the impact he had in endocrine surgery will live on for generations to come in his scientific work, through the surgical skills he taught his mentees and by the legacy he leaves imprinted in the IAES. IAES members fondly remember his warm hospitality when he hosted them in his home in August 2013 during Annual Swedish meeting. Our thoughts are with his family, as they mourn his loss. Take comfort knowing that his soul now rests in peace.

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Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

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