

## Jacques Valère Joseph Corneille Willemot (October 19, 1928 - September 3, 2011)

otorhinolaryngologist and medical historian



Jacques Willemot was born and grew up in Ghent, Belgium. He studied medicine at the University of Louvain, specialized as otorhinolaryngologist at the University of Ghent in 1958, and settled down there as independent practitioner. Owing to his keen interest and experience in rhinology he was invited as a lecturer and surgeon to rhinology courses and congresses in several countries of the world. Willemot was a member of two national and six international societies of otorhinolaryngology, and of two societies of history of medicine.

He taught a modern functional and aesthetic concept of rhinosurgery which he had acquired when he was visiting some European countries and the U.S.A. Between 1971 and 1978, under the auspices of the European Rhinologic Society, Willemot organized, together with Gijsbert A. Sedee from Utrecht, the first five courses of functional rhinosurgery in Belgium at the Free University of Brussels. He was the first regional delegate of the European Rhinologic Society for Belgium. He contributed to the publication of 11 books and 132 articles, mostly in collaboration with other authors. The late Willemot had the chance to have on his side his magnificent wife Jacqueline, who so strongly supported and encouraged him in all his activities, notably in the corrections of manuscripts during the last years of his life.

Aside from being active as a medical practitioner, he developed an indefatigable and remarkable interest in the history of otorhinolaryngology. He was always ready to spend time discussing historical topics and encouraging young physicians to reflect on the origins of their practice. His major contribution to our specialty is the publication of a 1698-page supplement of the *Acta Otorhinolaryngologica Belgica* in 1981. Partly also written by other authors, and entitled *Naissance et développement de l'otorhinolaryngologie dans l'histoire de la médecine* (Birth and development of otorhinolaryngology in the history of medicine), it retraces the history of otorhinolaryngology in all its different aspects from ancient times to the second part of the 20th century. Based nearly exclusively on primary and original sources, and extensively illustrated, it has become the essential and indisputable reference in the history of our specialty. Until now, it has been considered the *Opus magnum* of the history of otorhinolaryngology. Unfortunately written in French, its dissemination remains limited to a small readership. An attempt to translate the work into English never saw the light. Reference to this *Opus magnum* is made in the 5th edition of *Morton's Medical Bibliography* under two different entries, 3342.1 and 3415.3. In 1994, Willemot published a second, 198-page historical book entitled *De historia auris et de cultura* (On the history of otology and culture). Written partially in French, English, and Dutch by four authors, and well illustrated, it became an important reference of the artistic aspect of the history of otology. Its distribution was again very limited. He was co-editor of and contributor to two lavishly illustrated volumes, *Ear, Nose and Throat in Culture* published in 2001, and *Ear, Nose and Throat mirrored in Medicine and Arts* in 2005.

Willemot's lifelong passion was the history of otorhinolaryngology which mirrors in his large collection of ancient medical books and medals, and also in his list of publications. Among them 23 were about otorhinolaryngology and 109 dealt with the history of otorhinolaryngology and medicine.

Although hampered by diseases in his last years, Willemot remained active in publishing and devoted, as husband, father of three children and grandfather of ten grandchildren. We will miss our inspiring motor, our warmhearted and humorous friend Jacques.

Wolfgang Pirsig and Albert Mudry

The European Rhinologic Society has an Advisory Board comprised of Delegates, Associate Delegates and Regional Representatives of the members of the Society. Each Delegate has been asked to provide a short summary of their national rhinologic activities and in this issue we present the delegate from the Netherlands.

Valerie J. Lund  
General Secretary ERS

## The view from the Netherlands



Writing from the country where the European Rhinology Society was founded (in 1963 by Van Dishoek in Leiden) one feels close to where the heart of Europe (if there was ever such a thing) beats. The European Rhinology Society was created, just like many other European organisations, during a time of European optimism. The basis for its foundation was laid at the first international rhinological meeting, held at Leiden University Hospital in July 1963. A number of prominent rhinologists from all over Europe were invited to lecture, including Sir Victor Negus (London), Prof. Axel Hamberger (Stockholm), dr Borje Drettner (Uppsala), Mr Philip Golding Wood (Maidstone, Kent), Prof Branimir Gusic (Zagreb), Prof Marcel Gignoux (Lyon), Prof Leon Flottes (Toulon), Dozent dr E.H. Mayer (Vienna) and dr Heinz Naumann (Berlin). Since then, rhinology in the Netherlands never stopped maintaining close links with Europe and the World via international fellowships (such as the rhinology/endoscopic skull base AMC fellowship, the European Facial Plastic Academy fellowship), as well as international English language courses: **The 9th International Course in Advanced Sinus Surgery Techniques**, in the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam, has evolved to include a significant number of endoscopic skull base surgery techniques. This year it included as guest of honour Professor Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen, both lecturing as well as performing live surgery (in parallel with the author). In the same hospital, the **19th International Course on Modern Rhinoplasty Techniques** ([www.rhinoplastycourse.nl](http://www.rhinoplastycourse.nl)), established by Professor Nolst-Trenite will be running in October 2012 featuring dr Minas Constantinides from NUY Medical Center as well as a variety of national and international faculty. Meanwhile, in June 2012, in Nijmegen, the **"In and Around the Nose"** course ([www.aroundthenose.com](http://www.aroundthenose.com)) will be featuring dr Shan Baker. Early planning and team working are typically Dutch characteristics; preliminary arrangements for the **2014 European Rhinology Congress** in Amsterdam are already in place: The steering committee has been busy trying to ensure a seamless experience, from the academic program to the dissection courses and from the use of social media and mobile applications to the gala dinner, hoping to provide one of the most successful rhinology congress ever. The motto we chose for this congress "The Nose as an Interface" reflects both an increasing emphasis on multidisciplinary working as well as our understanding of the complex functions and anatomic relationships of the nose: The ability to "interface" with other specialties and with each other is critical to our work - a country with a centuries-old, deep-running philosophy of working via consensus is well prepared for it.

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## European Rhinologic Society

The 24th Congress of the European Rhinologic Society will be held in combination with the 31st International Symposium on Infection and Allergy of the Nose (ISIAN) in Toulouse, France, June 17-21, 2012. The congress is organised by the next President of the Society, E. Serrano. For more information please contact the congress secretariat by E-mail: [regist-ers@europe-organisation.com](mailto:regist-ers@europe-organisation.com), fax: +33-5-3445 2646; find all the details on the ERS-website.

All ERS-members are invited to take part in the General Assembly, that will take place in Toulouse during the Congress on Wednesday June 20th, Auditorium St. Exupéry, level 2, 18.00 - 18.45.

1. Opening remarks ..... Valerie Lund
2. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly in Geneva.  
These minutes are published in the journal *Rhinology*, March 2012
3. Report of the Congress-President ..... Eli Serrano
4. Report of the General Secretary
5. Report of the Treasurer ..... Roger Jankowski
6. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of "Rhinology" ..... Valerie Lund
7. Election of new delegates
8. Courses under ERS-auspices, research-prizes ..... Wytse Fokkens  
and fellowships
9. Future meetings
10. Any other business
11. Closing remarks

At this congress the two **ERS-Research-Prizes** (€ 1,500,- each) for original basic and clinical research will be awarded during the Opening Ceremony.

The **next ERS-Congresses** after France will be:  
- 2014: Amsterdam, the Netherlands, organised by Professor Fokkens, June 22nd-26th  
- 2016: Dubrovnik, Croatia, organised by Professor Baudoin

Information on membership, fellowships, research-prizes, and courses/congresses under ERS-auspices etc. can be obtained from the ERS-website:  
[www.europeanrhinologicsociety.org](http://www.europeanrhinologicsociety.org)

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## HANDS ON COURSE IN ENDONASAL SINUS AND SKULL BASE SURGERY

Zürich, Switzerland, June 4 – 6, 2012

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## \* 13TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON RECONSTRUCTIVE AND AESTHETIC SURGERY OF THE NOSE AND FACE: AROUND THE NOSE

Nijmegen, the Netherlands, June 6 - 8, 2012

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Zürich, Switzerland, June 7 – 8, 2012

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## \* 24TH CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY, 31st I.S.I.A.N

Toulouse, France, June 17 - 21, 2012

Director: E. Serrano

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## \* 45TH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON FUNCTIONAL AND ENDOSCOPIC SINUS TECHNIQUES WITH ADVANCED SEMINAR

Graz, Austria, June 27-30, 2012

Course Director: Prof. Dr. H. Stammberger

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## \* 24TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY OF THE PARANASAL SINUSES & SKULL BASE

Ghent, Belgium, August 22 - 25, 2012

Director: Prof C. Bachert

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## 12TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON ENDONASAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY

Marburg, Germany, September 5 - 7, 2012

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## 58TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ARS

Washington DC, USA, September 8, 2012

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## ENDOSCOPIC COURSE FOR PARANASAL SINUS AND SKULL BASE SURGERY

Bern, Switzerland, September 6 - 8, 2012

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## \* ENDOSCOPIC APPROACH TO RHINOSINUSITIS IN SINONASAL DISEASE

London, United Kingdom, October 3 - 6, 2012

Course Director: Prof. V.J. Lund

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## 15TH CROATIAN INTERNATIONAL RHINOSURGICAL ADVANCED SCHOOL

Zagreb, Croatia, 9-12, 2012

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## 4TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON FUNCTIONAL AESTHETIC SURGERY OF THE NOSE

Bologna , Italy, October 14 - 17, 2012

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## \*19TH RHINOPLASTY COURSE (INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN MODERN RHINOPLASTY TECHNIQUES)

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, October 24 - 26, 2012

Director: D.J. Menger

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## 7TH INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE MILANO MASTERCLASS

Milan, Italy, March 22 – 27, 2013

Directors: Paolo Castelnuovo and Pietro Palma

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## COSM 2013

Orlando, FL, USA, April 10 - 14, 2013

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## 20TH IFOS WORLD CONGRESS

Seoul, Korea, June 1 - 5, 2013

President: Chong Sun Kim.M.D.

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## 59TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ARS

Vancouver, BC, Canada, September 28, 2013

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## COSM 2014

Las Vegas, NV, USA, May 14 - 18, 2014

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## \* 25TH CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY, 33rd I.S.I.A.N

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 22 - 26, 2014

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## COSM 2015

Boston, MA, USA, April 22 - 26, 2015

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## \* 26TH CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY, 35rd I.S.I.A.N

Dubrovnik, Croatia, June 2016

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