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VON GRAEFE'S CIRCULAR SAW FOR RHINOPLASTY

The XVI ERS Congress, the VII IRS Congress and the XV ISIAN were held at Ghent, September 8-11, 1996, under the presidency of Paul Van Cauwenberge. On the occasion of this "Week of the Nose" Paul Kluyskens, Emeritus Professor of the ENT Department of the University of Ghent, gave us a special guided tour through his collection of antique otorhinolaryngological instruments. This outstanding collection is part of the "Stichting Jan Palfyn", a recently established Museum of the History of Medicine in Ghent (which is displayed in "Het Pand", Onderbergen 1, B-9000 Ghent, Belgium).

Von Graefe's circular saw for osteotomies in rhinoplasty, 40 cm in length, caught my special attention and is presented here with a photograph, kindly prepared by Paul Kluyskens, and the text of instruction from the catalogue of George Tiemann & Co.'s Surgical Instruments reads:

"The circular saw is fitted and secured, by means of a screw, to the extremity of a steel rod about 16 inches long, the other end of which is headed by a wheel gearing. A second wheel, to be turned by means of a crank, also provided with corresponding teeth, is fastened to a short rod. The rods and gearing are concealed by a brass casing, conical as to the length, oval in diameter; the small end of the cone serving as a bed in which the long rod moves. An iron plate is soldered into the casing, about 0.5 inch from the larger extremity; this is pierced with two holes which serve as layers for one end of each of the

spindles. The broadest extremity of the casing is closed by means of a cap fastened with screws; through this the end of the short spindle projects to which the crank is fitted. The crank or motive wheel has seven teeth, the one for the saw spindle 21 teeth, so that the crank has to be turned three times to effect one revolution of the saw. This arrangement can be reversed by exchanging the position of the cogs, so that three revolutions of the saw are obtained by turning the crank once. The operator has to hold the saw with both hands. It is very difficult to keep applied, it having a tendency to divert from the intended direction. An assistant must turn the crank."

Carl Ferdinand von Graefe (1787-1840) was appointed Professor of Surgery and Ophthalmology in the Charité Hospital at Berlin in 1810. He became well known for his creative contributions in both specialities, including the invention of new instruments. For instance, he introduced uranoplasty for the closure of cleft palates (1816), was one of the first to dare partial resection of the mandible, and developed new techniques in rhinoplasty which influenced Johann Friedrich Dieffenbach, his successor at the Charité since 1840. In 1818, Graefe's book on rhinoplasty was published both in German and Latin: "*De Rhinoplastice Sive Arte Curtum Nasum Ad Virum Restituendi, Commentatio etc. Latine Edid. J.F.C. Hecker*" (Berolini, 1818).

Wolfgang Pirsig



MEETING CALENDAR

IMAGE-GUIDED FUNCTIONAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY COURSE

Savannah, Georgia, USA, April 3-5, 1997

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COURS DE RHINOLOGIE DE NANCY

Nancy, France, April 16-19, 1997

Faculty: M. Wayoff, D.A. Moneret-Vautrin, P. Rouvier, R. Peynegre, P. Dessi, J.M. Klossek, E. Serrano, B. Bertrand, J.P. Friedrich

Invited Speakers: H. Stammberger, V.J. Lund

Language: French

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IVth COMBINED MICROSCOPIC ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY DISSECTION COURSE

Oporto, Portugal, April 17-19, 1997

Organizer: Prof. M. Pais Clemente

Guests of Honour: D. Kennedy, D. Passàli, L. Bellusi, W. Draf

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IIIrd INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON ALLERGY IN ENT AND ENDONASAL SURGERY OF THE LACRIMAL WAYS AND PARANASAL SINUSES

Palma de Mallorca, Spain, April 21-25, 1997

Course Organizer: Dr. M. Bernal-Sprekelsen

Invited Speakers: W. Draf, Hildmann, W. Hosemann, P. Lang, H. Stammberger

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1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF SLEEP DISORDERS, SNORING AND SLEEP APNOEA

Athens, Greece, May 15-17, 1997

Organizers: N. Simasko, S. Papispyrou, C. Soldatos, G. Georgiadis, E. Vagiakis

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COTTLE INTERNATIONAL RHINOLOGY CENTENNIAL AND XVIth ISIAN

Philadelphia, USA, June 5-8, 1997

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IXth INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY OF THE PARANASAL SINUSES

Brussels (Belgium) and Cologne (Germany), July 9-12, 1997

International Faculty: C. Bachert (Ghent), P.A.R. Clement (Brussels), L. Close (New York), W. Hosemann (Regensburg), O. Michel (Cologne), G. Rettinger (Ulm), D. Rice (Los Angeles), S. Schaefer (New York), E. Stennert (Cologne), W. Thumfart (Innsbrück)

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15th INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN FUNCTIONAL CORRECTIVE NASAL SURGERY

Utrecht, The Netherlands, June 15-20, 1997

Course Organizer: Prof. Dr. E.H. Huizing

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FUNCTIONAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY: BASIC AND ADVANCED TECHNIQUES

Graz, Austria, July 3-5, 1997

Language: English

Information: Prof. Dr. H. Stammberger, ENT Department, University Hospital, Auenbruggerplatz 20, A-8036 Graz, Austria. Telefax +43-316.3853425

(Note: The meeting includes laboratory dissection for a limited number of participants)

FUNCTIONAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY: BASIC AND ADVANCED TECHNIQUES

Graz, Austria, September 4-6, 1997

Language: German

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(Note: The meeting includes laboratory dissection for a limited number of participants)

EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY IN SWITZERLAND SYMPOSIUM: RHINOPLASTY

Zürich, Switzerland, September 16-18, 1997

Organizer: D. Simmen, C. Walter, P. Hertig

Invited Speakers: T.R. Bull (UK), G. Rettinger (Germany), D.M. Toriumi (USA), G.J. Nolst-Trenité (The Netherlands)

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EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY IN SWITZERLAND SYMPOSIUM: PROFILOPASTY AND FACIAL REJUVENATION

Vevey, Switzerland, September 19-20, 1997

Organizer: D. Simmen, C. Walter, P. Hertig

Invited Speaker: F.M. Kamer

Faculty (EAFS): F. Bootz, T.R. Bull, F. Distant, R. Drommer, A. Fratila, G.J. Nolst-Trenité, G.F. Meillard, R. Meyer, J. Petres, J. Soudant, M.P. Stearns, H.D. Vuyk, Th. Wälli, L. Wiest

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1st CROATIAN INTERNATIONAL RHINOSURGICAL AUTUMN SCHOOL (CIRAS)

Slavonski Brod, Croatia, September 21-25, 1997

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IMAGE-GUIDED FUNCTIONAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY COURSE

Savannah, Georgia, USA, October 3-5, 1997

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4th INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN MODERN RHINOPLASTY TECHNIQUES

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, October 23-25, 1997

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ADVANCED TECHNIQUES IN ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY

Philadelphia, USA, October 30-November 1, 1997

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9th COURSE IN RHINODIAGNOSIS AND FUNCTIONAL-AESTHETIC NASAL SURGERY

Münster, Germany, November 6-8, 1997

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2nd INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON LASERS IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY/HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

Berlin, Germany, November 12-15, 1997

Chairmen: H. Scherer, S. Jovanovic

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JOURNÉES EXCEPTIONNELLES DE RHINOLOGIE PRATIQUE (on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of Association SINUS)

L'île de La Martinique, Antilles, November 22-30, 1997

Language: French

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7th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PAEDIATRIC OTORHINO-LARYNGOLOGY

Helsinki, Finland, June 7-10, 1998

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2nd SYMPOSIUM ON MINIMALLY INVASIVE TECHNIQUES AND IMAGE-GUIDED SURGERY IN ENT AND SKULL BASE SURGERY

Toulouse, France, July 2-4, 1998

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17th CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY AND XVIIth ISIAN

Vienna, Austria, July 28-August 1, 1998

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