

PROFESSOR BENEDICTUS PHILADELPHO DE SIQUEIRA

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Professor Benedictus Philadelpho de Siqueira died in 7/15/2014, who was one of the creators and founders of the Medical Journal of Minas Gerais. He was born in April 23, 1937 in Divisa Nova, Minas Gerais, having studied his fundamental school years in the Rural School of Poços de Caldas and starting his medical training in 1957 at the Medical School from the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG). His medical training was permeated with influences from academia and service, which certainly determined his trajectory of exceptional contributions in these two institutions of health and allowed him a whole view, capable of uniting the training in service and its social importance to the theoretical and ethical beacon of service provision provided by the School. This allowed him to made huge contributions for the association between these two institutions. He held different posts and positions in the Medical School and health services developing activities of different characteristics and strengths as a student (Alfredo Balena Academic Directory, National Union of Students), professor, manager, supervisor, consultant, and educator. His carrier culminated as one of the founders of the National Association of Graduate Studies in Collective Health; president of the Brazilian Association of Medical Education and the Pan-American Federation of Medical Colleges and Schools; mentor of the Inter-institutional National Commission for the Evaluation of Medical Education; Superintendent and Chief Aide of Planning from the State Secretary of Health of the State of Minas Gerais; and Director of the Medical School from UFMG. His life was permeated by innovative projects with unmatched contribution to the educational-service integration, medical education, organization of university hospitals, and the integration of the Hospital Foundation from the State of Minas Gerais.

In the 1990s, during his term as the Director of the Medical School from UFMG, he was one of the key links in the founding of the Medical Journal of Minas Gerais, a major work in which the Medical Schools in Minas; Associations, Societies, and Councils of Medicine; and the Health Secretaries of Belo Horizonte and Minas Gerais united to build a vehicle for the integration and diffusion of technical, scientific, cultural, and ethical knowledge in Medicine and Biology. This endeavor raked all experiments initiated since 1929, as a pioneering and daring initiative in Brazil, developed by the medical society in Minas and especially broadcasted by the Annals of the Medical College from the University of Minas Gerais and the Journal of the Medical Association of Minas Gerais.

He received notable distinctions such as Emeritus Professor of Medical School from UFMG, the Oswaldo Cruz Medal, and a member of the Medical Academy of Minas Gerais.

The originality of Professor Philadelpho consisted in the harmony between his academic and managerial resourcefulness, the embryo of the Unified Health System in Brazil; in his strive to participate in the common good in a collective and audacious way, as an instrument of social change for real development in which education is the basis for the consolidation of equitable life of well-being for everyone and for a world of solidarity and sustainability.

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