

Memorial Recognition

Established in 2002, the Memorial Recognition serves as a posthumous tribute to a creative and devoted physician, research scientist, or other member or nonmember who has contributed to the field of ultrasound in medicine. Honorees are announced at the Annual Meeting.

Michel Claudon, MD, FAIUM



Michel Claudon was born and lived throughout his life in France, but that did not prevent him from having a great impact on the field of ultrasound worldwide. After earning his MD from Nancy-Université, also known as the University of Nancy, Dr Claudon stayed on as a fellow, then assistant professor of radiology (1986–1989), and, since then, remained there as a professor of radiology. (During his tenure, the University of Nancy became the University of Lorraine.)

In addition to his work as a professor, Dr Claudon was also head of the Department of Pediatric Radiology, then of the Department of Adult Radiology, at Hôpital Brabois, Vandœuvre-lès-Nancy, and he served in leadership roles in many capacities. He was the chair of the Pediatric Radiology Department (2000–2012), chair of the Adult General Imaging Department (2012–2018), and president of the medical council of the hospital (2011–2017).

Of course, his leadership didn't end there. Dr Claudon was also president of the European Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB; 1999–2002), the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB; 2008–2010), Collège des Enseignants en Radiologie de France (CERF, a French National Academic Council; 2009–2012), the French Society of Radiology (SFR; 2009–2012), the European Society of Urogenital Radiology (ESUR; 2012–2014), and even president of the National Conference of Presidents of Medical Councils until 2018. And that was in addition to the times he served as a coordinator or chair on numerous committees and working groups, including the French group for evaluation of ultrasound contrast agents.

While serving as past-president of EFSUMB, Dr Claudon helped create the first guidelines for liver applications of contrast-enhanced ultrasound, "It is Time to Establish Guidelines for the Use of Ultrasound Contrast Agents" (Claudon M, Jäger KA. *Ultrasound Med* 2004; 25:247–248). He also remained an author on the 2008 and 2013 updates, which added recommendations for renal and pancreatic diseases, vesico-ureteric reflux, blunt abdominal trauma, and trans-cranial Doppler, providing advice on the use of all clinically available ultrasound contrast agents.

Dr Claudon also volunteered with the *European Journal of Radiology*, the *Journal de Radiologie*, the *Journal of Clinical Ultrasound*, and the *Journal d'Echographie et Médecine Ultrasonore*, as well as was an author of or contributed to multiple books.

Dr Claudon's contributions to the field of contrast-enhanced ultrasound earned him the designation of honorary fellow from the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) in 2005. He also earned that distinction from the Korean Society of Ultrasound (2012), the American College of Radiology (2014), and the Asian Society of Abdominal Radiology (2015).

Michel Claudon, MD, FAIUM, died on November 20, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Claire Lise, and daughters, Lucile, Anne Sophie, and Aurore; his granddaughter, Leopoldine; and his parents, Jean and Simone.

