

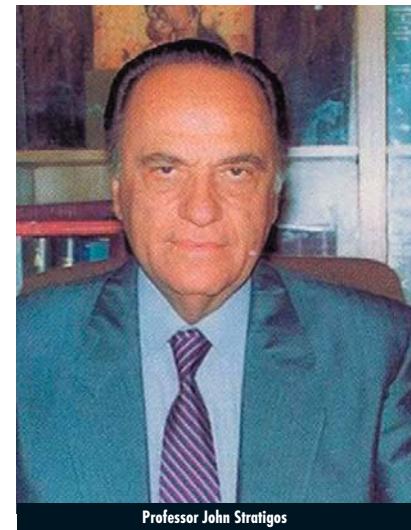
Professor John Stratigos

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John Stratigos, Emeritus Professor of Dermatology at the University of Athens died from cancer on January 25th 2006. With his passing Greek Dermatology lost one of its founding fathers and the international dermatological community a prominent figure. John Stratigos completed his earlier dermatological training at the medical school of the University of Athens and in 1966 came to London to work with the late Professor Ian Magnus at the St John's Institute of Dermatology. John's work with Ian Magnus on ultraviolet induced skin carcinogenesis was highly profitable and enabled him to submit his professorial thesis to the University of Athens. During his two year research fellowship John became good friends with Professor Charles Calnan, the first full time professor at St John's Institute, and the two remained life-long friends. Upon his return to Athens in 1968 John

Stratigos was appointed Professor and Chairman at the Athens Sygros Hospital where he remained for the rest of his career. John was instrumental in setting up the Hellenic Society of Dermatology in 1968. He was a founder member of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology and acted as host and congress president for the second EADV congress held in Athens in 1991.

He remained a keen advocate of the EADV and in his later years provided valuable words of wisdom when he sat on the newly formed ethics committee. John was always a very keen anglophile and I was particularly touched when he and his family attended his last EADV congress in London in October 2005 under my congress presidency. Although clearly unwell from what proved to be his final illness it was obvious to me that he had made a special effort to attend and interact with all of his British and European



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colleagues, sadly for what proved to be the last time.

We shall all miss his friendship but are aware that the spiritual legacy of John Stratigos will remain ever alive in our memories.

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