

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR BARRIE JAY

We are sad to announce that Professor Barrie Jay, long-time president of the European Paediatric Ophthalmology Group (EPOG) has passed away on March 10, 2007.

Barrie Jay was born on May 7, 1929. He studied medicine at Gonville & Caius College Cambridge and University College Hospital London, qualifying in 1952. Having completed his ophthalmic training at Moorfields Eye Hospital and The London Hospital, he was appointed Consultant at both hospitals.

His scientific contributions have been considerable as witnessed by a large body of peer review publications, book chapters and books, not least in paediatric ophthalmology and genetics, in both of which fields he has been honoured. In 2004, he was the first recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award by the European Paediatric Ophthalmology Society (EPOS).

Barrie's contribution to ophthalmology did not stop there: he embraced IT at its inception and with this expertise he created the first database of ophthalmic training facilities in the UK. He was the Senior Vice President of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists and during this time he was also Dean at the Institute of Ophthalmology. In 1985 he was prevailed upon to take up the Chair of Clinical Ophthalmology at Moorfields.

His interests outside ophthalmology and medicine were many.

We want to pay honour to this outstanding personality, and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Marcella Jay.

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