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Dear Colleagues

Professor Rene Lambert, our colleague and friend passed away on August 7, 2017.

Professor Lambert was a renowned scientist in gastroenterology. In the late 80s he understood the importance of diagnosis and therapeutic endoscopy, publishing numerous endoscopy papers and supporting events internationally. He brought his considerable energy to link western and Japanese endoscopy, with a focus on classifications. Together with S. Kudo he was the father of the Paris Classification, which was the first step towards a better understanding of the so called "flat". His work frequently took him to Brazil and Japan as a speaker, and over the years he made many friends all over the world.

On a personal level, Professor Lambert and I developed a close relationship at the French Society of Digestive Endoscopy, where we brought together endoscopists working in teaching hospitals and private practices. We worked together on many events for more than twenty years. My ESGE presidency and current position as President of the WEO are mainly thanked to Professor Lambert. He was my friend and confidant.

WEO would like to express its regret and sincere condolences to Professor Lambert's family, and to his colleagues and friends at Edouard Herriot hospital.

R.I.P. Rene.



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