

# **Obituary – Prof. Otto Hess**

## **July 13th, 1946 - April 7th, 2011**

**Otto graduated in 1973 at Zurich University. After training and research in Zurich and San Diego he became a board certified cardiologist in 1981, a lecturer in cardiology in 1983 and a Professor of Cardiology in 1989. Besides this he also held professoral engagements at Bari University and Verona University, respectively (both in Italy). Since 1996 he was first Co-Chairman, later Chairman of Cardiology, Swiss Cardiovascular Center, Inselspital- University Hospital Bern.**

**As an esteemed scientist Otto has gained numerous awards:**

- 1982 First Prize of the Swiss Foundation of Cardiology**
- 1986 Fraenkel- Award of the German Cardiac Society**
- 1987 First Prize of the Swiss Society of Internal Medicine**
- 1991 Goetz Award of Zurich University**
- 1996 Franz- Loogen- Prize, Essen University**
- 2007 Paul- Morawitz Research Award of the German Cardiac Society**



**Furthermore, Otto has served the cardiological community in various functions:**

- President of the Swiss Society of Cardiology (1994- 1996)**
- Chairman of the ESC Working Group on Myocardial Function (1992- 1996)**
- Chairman of the Swiss Working Group on Heart Failure (1998- 2000) and**
- Treasurer of UEMS Cardiology Section since 2002**

**UEMS Cardiology Section honours Otto Hess not only as an extremely active and successful scientist as well as a devoted clinical cardiologist but has very much appreciated his committment to the political representation and initiative of our profession.**