



## Mihael Georgiev: Physician, Mentor, Author, Friend.

### *Mihael Georgiev : médecin, mentor, écrivain, ami.*

Raymond-Martimbeau P.

*For some moments in life there are no words*  
David Seltzer

On behalf of the members of the Canadian Society of Phlebology, I would like to express the sorrow and sincere regret I felt when I learned of the death of Mihael Georgiev, colleague, teacher, friend and author who left us too young on June 7, 2010 after a long battle with illness.

Dr. Georgiev was born in Sofia in 1949, and lived and practiced medicine in Italy. He graduated in medicine in Rome at the University La Sapienza and was a member of the Center for Vascular Diseases, University of Ferrara and a founding member of the European Venous Forum. In addition to his medical practice, he maintained an interest in discussions of Darwinism vs. Creationism, and published his most recent work, «Charles Darwin. Beyond the Pillars of Hercules », in late 2009. This publication addresses historical and cultural, as well as scientific issues.

As a practicing phlebologist, he was able to apply his varied interests in science, intellectual pursuit, humanity and teaching. The many students and colleagues he mentored remember the unselfish sharing of his expertise. In the course of his career, he became a source of inspiration to many clinicians through his writings, conference presentations, and hands-on course participation.



Together with Mitchel P. Goldman and Stefano Ricci, he published on «Ambulatory Phlebectomy» in 1995. In this book, he expressed his pioneering views on a more conservative phlebology. His numerous medical publications and conference contributions guided phlebologists worldwide.

Dr. Mihael Georgiev, a CSP Honorary Member, was a cheerful, humble man of deep convictions who touched many lives. His passion and dedication to finding solutions for venous disorders were an inspiration to those who knew and worked with him. He continued to graciously accept invitations to professional meetings where he could share his knowledge and expertise. The members of the CSP regret the loss of this invaluable colleague, and will dedicate themselves to maintaining his legacy.

Our sincere condolences to his many friends and family.



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