

## PROF HAMDI EL KABARITY, Cairo, Egypt.

Professor Hamdi El Kabarity passed away on Sunday, June 21st 2009 at the age of 67 in the Intensive Care Unit in a Cairo Hospital.

The loss of this eminent man is a great loss to all of us who had known him personally or through his work, most of all for his widow, his daughters and their families. We wish them much strength, consolation and support in these dark times of sorrow and departing.

His death also is a great loss to the Organisation Gestosis, to our Profession, to Science and to the population of Egypt and world wide. He was a highly accomplished and competent scientist. He has started many research and postgraduate-training programs, mostly in the field of Mother-and-Child-Health. These projects will continue to function and will keep his name and memory alive.

He was a very early member of the Organisation Gestosis, President 1992/1993. Besides he also held additionally several important positions within our OG. Also he was taking care of the Secretariat General of the Organisation Gestosis, Branch Cairo, Egypt and was elected to take over fully at a later date. He founded the African Society of Organisation Gestosis and acted as its secretary general organizing several of their congresses. Of course he was recognized and celebrated by many recognitions, awards, diplomas, honorary memberships and medals for his outstanding work.

The extent of the loss of Hamdi El Kabarity will be experienced fully only in the years to come. He has left a big gap, which is hardly ever filled. We cherish his memory and will never forget his personality, his courage, his wisdom and his optimism. All that will stay with us, with OG, ASOG, OGASH, CSPP, EGOOS, OG Philippines and all the affiliated society of the OG.

He was to me like an older son.

Ernst Theodor Rippmann Basel/Switzerland, July 7<sup>th</sup> 2009