

Letter to the Editor

Imrich Friedmann (1907–2002)

I first met Imrich Friedmann, one of my closest friends, 30 years ago during an International Symposium in Freiburg (Germany) and was surprised that this famous professor was interested in the research work of a young resident. I will never forget his helpful, kind-hearted and non-didactic comments and advice which encouraged me to continue my research. This was very typical of Imrich, namely to contact young clinicians and researchers, offer them feedback and important suggestions. In the early 80's we both started to follow the crazy idea that otosclerosis is associated with a measles virus infection; today an idea which many laboratories are working on. He encouraged me to write as a co-editor for his famous book *Pathology of the Ear*.

For more than 25 years Imrich assisted as the expert in pathology for the *Journal of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology and its Related Specialities*. His criti-

cism, experience and knowledge was always an important contribution for the success of this Journal.

Innumerable ENT-physicians and pathologists around the world are extremely thankful to Imrich Friedmann, the last pathologist enthusiastically dedicated to the special problems in our field, especially to the ear. We lost a great personality, a recognized scientist, a helpful colleague.

I lost a friend, and as it always has been my friendship is continuously dedicated to his loving wife Joan Margaret who has worked as the constant factor 'behind the scenes' during 60 years of their married life.

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