

Ejnar K.G. Eriksson, M.D., Ph.D. 1929-

Dr. Ejnar K.G. Eriksson was born May 19, 1929 in Östersund, Sweden. He attended Skellefteå High School in Skellefteå, Northern Sweden and matriculated in 1947. During his high school years he was the school champion of orienteering three consecutive years. He went to Medical School at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm and obtained his M.D. 1956. He trained in both general surgery and orthopaedic surgery at the Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden and received Boards in both general surgery in 1969 and orthopaedics in 1975. In 1966 he defended his Ph.D. and became associate professor at the Karolinska Institute.

Dr. Eriksson trained in sports orthopaedic surgery mainly under Lennart Broström at the Karolinska hospital but also under Sten-Otto Liljedahl. From 1971 -1987 Dr. Eriksson was Head of a Division of Trauma shared between the department of General Surgery and the department of Orthopaedics. In 1987 he was appointed full time professor of Sports orthopaedic surgery at the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm. This was then the only full time professorship of Sports orthopaedic surgery with an autonomous department of Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy in Europe at that time.

Dr Eriksson started using arthroscopy in 1971 and has given arthroscopy courses in 16 different countries and participated as a teacher in arthroscopy and sports medicine courses in 43 different countries. He has trained a great number of foreign fellows from different countries in sports medicine and arthroscopy. He has founded International Society for Skiing Safety (ISSS) and European Society for Sports Traumatology, Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy (ESSKA) and been president of both organizations. He was also been President of the Federation Internationale de la Medicine Sportive (FIMS), 1980-1986. He started the journal Knee Surgery, Sports Traumatology and Arthroscopy (KSSTA) in 1993 and has been it's chief-editor since the start. Dr Eriksson has published 330

scientific papers in leading journals and given numerous talks at different courses and conferences.

He will most probably be remembered for his work to popularize arthroscopy and ACL-reconstructions. At the age of 78 he is still skiing downhill and cross country and his favourite sport is long distance lake skating.