

Dear Colleagues,

Tribute to our closest friend, a member of Editorial Board of "Journal of Contemporary Brachytherapy", Dr. Peter Grimm.

R.I.P. Peter Douglas Grimm D.O. (1952-2016)

Dr. Peter D. Grimm, a clinical radiation oncologist who became an international leader, educator, entrepreneur, and inventor in the field of prostate cancer, died Saturday, February 20, 2016.

"Dr. Peter Grimm was a private practice physician who collaborated nationally and internationally with academic physicians and other clinical doctors to conduct research into the diagnosis and outcomes of prostate cancer treatment. His specialty was brachytherapy. Introduced in Europe, he and his partner Dr. John Blasko of the Swedish Hospital Tumor Institute Group brought it to the United States and pioneered its development and implementation in the US in the late 80's. In 2012, he left the group to establish the Prostate Cancer Treatment Center. Over his lifetime he has personally treated more than 6,000 patients and trained more than 6,000 physicians in the procedure. He travelled throughout the world giving lectures, training, and consulting with policy makers in countries such as Japan, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Mexico, Argentina, and Spain. In addition to the numerous articles, he published in scientific journals, he was the lead author of the "Prostate Cancer Treatment Book", a handbook for patients with chapters written by an international expert in each treatment choice. He founded the Prostate Cancer Treatment Foundation, whose mission and purpose is to help patients make informed choices about treatment. It allows a patient to compare 10-year outcomes of every treatment plotted against his cancer stage utilizing the results of every article on cancer treatment published world-wide".



Photo source from: <http://www.prostatecancercenter.com/>

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As so many of his friends said, he was a perfect combination of "head, heart, and hands". I hope that for a life time his main work www.pctrf.org will lead us and remain as a source of knowledge.

Other important informations:

On June 13th, a new Impact Factor for "Journal of Contemporary Brachytherapy" was published. **Our IF for 2015 is 1,413!** For 2014, it was 1,284. Trends for 2016 are also very optimistic, it seems that our papers are cited more frequently. I hope that IF will grow despite the increase of the frequency of publishing our journal from 4 to 6 issues per year. But it is also a big challenge for us.

I would like to thank everyone - without your commitment we would not have achieved this result. Also, our Scimago Journal & Country Rank is growing (source: <http://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=19700174993&tip=sid&clean=0>).

We cordially welcome new co-editor (which was member of Editorial Board) - **dr Jose Luis Guinot** from Valencia, Spain and three new members of Editorial Board:

- **Michael J. Zelefsky**, MD, Professor of Radiation Oncology, Chief, Brachytherapy Service, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, USA,
- **Anna Kulik**, MD, Head of Brachytherapy Department in Maria Skłodowska-Curie Institute of Oncology, Warsaw, Poland,
- **Tomasz Filipowski**, MD, Head of Radiotherapy Department, Białostocki Center of Oncology, Białystok, Poland.

On June 3rd, 2016, during the Congress of Polish Brachytherapy Society, members of our Society unanimously decided about collaboration with the Indian Brachytherapy Society. One of its elements will be to recognize "Journal of Contemporary Brachytherapy" as the official journal of the two Societies. Details are currently being worked out. You will be informed up to date.

For me, it is a sign of great confidence and a good prognosis for the future.

Sincerely yours,
 Editor-in-Chief
 Prof. Janusz Skowronek, MD, PhD