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In remembrance of Prof. John Longhurst and his wife Cherril Longhurst

John Longhurst and his wife Cherril died in a plane crash

With great dismay and sadness we have learned about the deaths of John Longhurst and his wife Cherril. The couple had departed from Gillespie airport, California on their cessna jet on the morning of February 6. Shortly after departure the plane crashed presumably due to a technical failure.

We offer our sincerest condolences to their children Dr. Chris Longhurst, Jenny Cretu and Dana Holve.



Prof. Longhurst was nominated as congress president of the upcoming ICMART-iSAMS 2018, a joint congress of DÄGfA, ICMART, the LMU Munich and iSAMS taking place in Munich in September.

The news of John's and Cherril's early deaths fills us with great sorrow. We will do our best to hold the congress in his spirit.

John Longhurst was a cardiologist specialized on the prevention and treatment of cardio-vascular disease. During his career at the University of California, Irvine he had been professor of medicine, chair of the Department of Medicine, chief of the Division of Cardiology, associate dean for programs and development as well as professor at the Departments of Physiology and Biophysics at the Department of Pharmacology and at the College of Medicine. From 2003 to 2014 he was director of the Susan Samueli Center for Integrative Medicine.

John was an internationally recognized and highly decorated expert in the field of cardiology focusing on peripheral and autonomous regulation of the cardio-vascular system. Since 1978 his research had been continuously granted by the NIH. His work also laid a solid foundation for the understanding of the role of acupuncture in the treatment of hypertension. John was an appointed member of national and international scientific and medical boards; his life's work comprises more than 190 original scientific publications as well as 63 reviews and book chapters.

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John was one of the first orthodox medical practitioners and scientist, who continuously supported the implementation of acupuncture and integrative medicine in the academic community.

One year ago, John and his endearing wife Cherril had been guests at the annual meeting of DÄGfA in Bad Nauheim, Germany. In his plenary lecture on the peripheral and central mechanisms of the autonomous cardio-vascular regulation through acupuncture he clearly defined the potential of the use of acupuncture in cardiology. His calm, thoughtful and sincere manner, his open-mindedness towards acupuncture and integrative medicine and his extraordinary competences impressed us deeply.

With John we lose an important advocate for acupuncture. His sharp mind, his open spirit and the integrity in his actions were exemplary.

His greatest passion was his family and enjoying nature during countless hikes and excursions with his beloved wife Cherril.

We will preserve an honor-filled memory of John and Cherril.

The ICMART-iSAMS congress board

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