

SARTON MEDAL LECTURES

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Dr. Jacques Tainmont was born in 1933. After his studies at the state secondary school in Charleroi he started his studies as a student surgeon to the Belgian army and obtained his medical degree at the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 1958. During his studies Dr. Tainmont was interested in anatomy and was prosecutor in the laboratory of anatomy lead by Prof. Dalcq. After graduation Jacques Tainmont started his training as an ear-nose and throat surgeon first in Brussels, later two years in Paris but obtained his masters in ENT at the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 1963.

His first appointment was consultant and head of department to the Belgian military hospital in Köln. In 1972 he became head of department and consultant ENT surgeon in the military hospital Queen Astrid in Brussels. During the period in the army he raised in the ranks to the commission of full colonel-surgeon .

After finishing his military career in 1988 he started a new career as consultant to the department of ENT of the University hospital of Brussels (Erasmus hospital). He also was appointed as consultant in charge of training and member of the examination board for new ENT surgeons.

During his long and fruitful career he published already numerous papers concerning the history of ENT. Already in 1982 he was the author of a paper about the Greek origin of our nomenclature concerning ENT. His papers mainly in the French Belgian journals during those years prove he was and is a highly cultural and erudite observer of the historical and cultural aspects of his discipline. Mainly the information concerning the otological labyrinth and its cultural impact was his main interest.

Dr. Tainmont is however not only a very erudite and scientific but also a very amicable person. During the last twenty years I met and discussed with him on numerous occasions.

I consider it than also a great honour to be able to introduce him for the Sarton medal of the faculty of medicine 2006.