

Erelidmaatschap RSNA voor prof.dr. J. Valk

In de vorige editie van MemoRad hebben wij reeds kort vermeld dat prof. Jaap Valk werd onderscheiden met het erelidmaatschap van de RSNA. Wij hebben u toen beloofd in dit nummer daar meer aandacht aan te zullen besteden. Bij dezen!

Hier volgt eerst de letterlijke weergave van de toespraak door Peggy J. Fritzsche, president van de RSNA:



“Dr. Valk, would you please join me at the podium?”

Jacob Valk is admired worldwide. He is an acclaimed researcher, lecturer and author, whose vast body of scientific writings have increased our understanding of neurology, psychiatry, and neuroradiology.

His writings enlightened many of us regarding white matter disease occurring from the young to the old. He is the author or co-author of 16 books, including Magnetic resonance of myelin, myelination and myelin disorders, which is considered a standard text in the field.

Jaap is a renaissance man having published in both the arts and sciences. His knowledge and talent allow him to contribute to any conversation.

For nearly 20 years, Jaap worked as a Professor of Radiology and Neuroradiology, and head of the departments of Radiology and Neuroradiology at Vrije Universiteit Medical Center.

At an age when most people are retired, Jaap continues to work as a neuroradiologist at the MRI Center in Amsterdam.

For his vast and significant contributions to neuroimaging, RSNA is honored to present Dr. Jacob Valk with an honorary membership.”

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Jacob Valk, MD, PhD, has earned admiration from peers around the world for his vast body of scientific writings dating back to 1963.

“Jaap Valk has excelled in the fields of neurology, psychiatry, and neuroradiology. He published a medical book every year during the middle of his career. His writings include seminal concepts on such topics as white matter disease of the brain,” said RSNA President Peggy J. Fritzsche, MD. “He is a Renaissance man, publishing in both the arts

and sciences. He is a talented pianist who has entertained many of us with his regalia of show tunes and classical pieces. He is still actively contributing, as a writer and teacher”.

Dr Valk’s research is especially directed at pediatric neuroimaging, inborn errors of metabolism, toxic encephalopathies, and white matter disorders in dementia. For his outstanding contribution to neuroimaging, RSNA is honored to present Dr Valk with an Honorary Membership.

“The RSNA meeting has been of such importance to me that I have only missed two meetings in nearly 30 years,” said Dr Valk. “RSNA is recognized worldwide as the most important radiologic meeting offering radiologists the opportunity to learn about the newest developments in the profession and to refresh their knowledge and skills. The meeting helps to maintain the highest quality standards possible. I am very proud and deeply honored by being awarded the Honorary Membership of the RSNA”.

Dr Valk received his training in neurology and psychiatry from the Valerius clinic in Amsterdam and the Psychiatric Hospital in Wolfheze. He earned his doctorate in 1971 from the University of Amsterdam. He then began his training in radiotherapy at the Academic Medical Centre and Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital, and in diagnostic radiology at the Free University Medical Center and Academic Medical Center Amsterdam.

For nearly 20 years, Dr Valk worked as a professor of radiology and neuroradiology, and head of the Departments of Radiology and Neuroradiology at Vrije Universiteit Medical Center. He now works as a neuroradiologist at the MRI Center in Amsterdam.

A prolific writer, Dr Valk is the author or coauthor of more than 220 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. He is also the author of 16 books, including Computed Tomography of Cerebral Infarctions, Basic Principles of Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Magnetic Resonance of Head, Neck and Spine, Spine, and recently, Magnetic Resonance of Dementia. He is coauthor of Magnetic Resonance of Myelin, Myelination and Myelin Disorders, which is considered a standard text in the field. He has served on several editorial boards, including those of the Journal of Computer Assisted Tomography, Neurology, and European Radiology.

Dr Valk has presented invited lectures at medical meetings around the world. He is an honorary member and founder of the International Academy of Research in Learning Disabilities, the Dutch Society of Radiology, the Belgian Society of Radiology, and the Turkish Society of Neuroradiology, as well as a co-founder of the Collège d’Enseignement Postuniversitaire de Radiologie. He has received top honors from the Dutch Society of Radiology and the International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine.

A member of RSNA since 1984, Dr Valk is also a member of many other radiologic societies, including the American Society of Neuroradiology, American Society of Pediatric Neuroradiology, European Society of Neuroradiology, International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, European Society of Magnetic Resonance in Neuropediatrics, and European Congress of Radiology.

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