

Poul Sigurd Rasmussen 1932–1987



Poul Sigurd Rasmussen died suddenly during a lecture on March 21, 1987, only 55 years old. He grew up in the beautiful southern part of Funen, in a province that certainly made its mark on his person, and in an environment that very early stimulated his keen interest in yachting.

Although Poul Sigurd Rasmussen graduated from the University of Copenhagen, he received his major training in orthopedics in Sweden. Thus, it was in Gothenburg where he defended his doctoral thesis on the condylar fractures of the tibia; and in 1973, he worked for a year at the Department of Orthopedics in Lund.

In 1974 Sigge, as he was better known to his numerous friends, returned to Denmark to assist Knud Jansen in establishing the Department of Orthopedics in Gentofte. Sigge brought with him not only a vast experience, but also fresh inspiration that had a great impact on patients and staff.

It was therefore natural that Sigge, in 1975,

joined Knud Jansen as the first assistant editor of *Acta Orthopaedica Scandinavica*. Sigge pursued a modern and intriguing editorship, and a number of young Scandinavian authors had him to thank when their manuscripts were finally published. Unfortunately, Sigge's editorship was partially stopped by a severe illness, which also forced him to resign from his clinical work. Although marked by his illness, his spirit was still intact; and searching for new horizons, he recently received an award from the Danish Medical Association for his perspectives of medical science in the coming century.

Sigge was a kind, cordial man, with a fine sense of humor. He was respected for his ideas, his knowledge, and his integrity. He will be missed by his patients, colleagues, and many friends, who extend their deepest condolences to his two children.

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