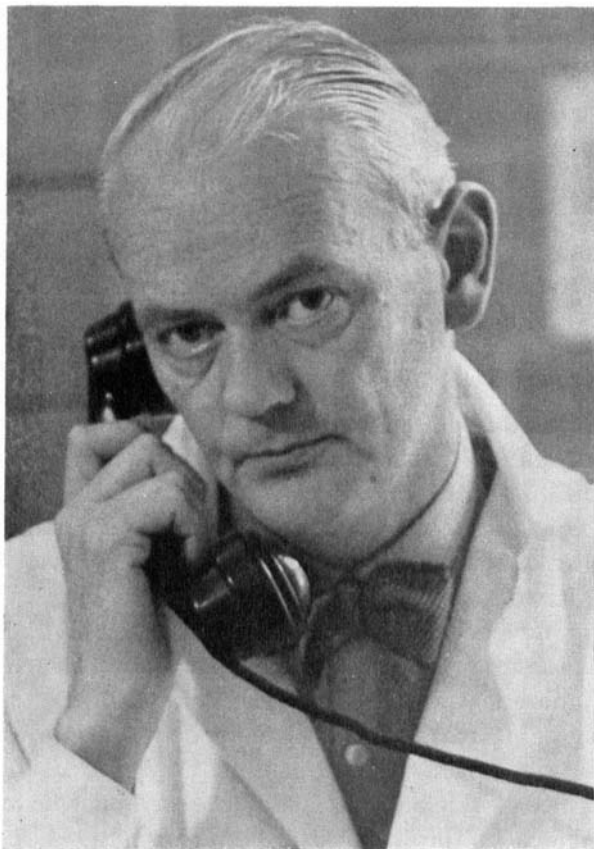




Gunnar Wiberg

At the end of June, 1969, Gunnar Wiberg retires as head of the Orthopaedic Clinic in Lund, a post he has held since 1945 and which became a professorial chair in orthopaedics in 1947.

During this period he has had, as clinical head, an ever-increasing amount of administrative and teaching responsibilities, and added to this have been his scientific contributions, which have covered many fields and in which he has distinguished himself. He has simultaneously been actively involved in the functioning of a large clinic and the care of patients, whom he has always considered to be of prime importance.

His contributions towards orthopaedics have among other things ranged from hip surgery and the definition of the CE angle to investigations into the mechanism of pain in disc protrusion, the patello-femoral joint with special regard to chondromalacia.

His administrative and professional capacities have been made full use of as president of the Swedish Orthopaedic Association, as a member of the Board of the Scandinavian Orthopaedic Association, as director of the Southern Swedish School of Physiotherapy, as medical superintendent and as a member of the Hospital Administration, as president of the Swedish Medical Disciplinary Committee, and on the editorial staff of *Acta Orthopaedica Scandinavica*.

Great is the number of orthopaedic surgeons who have trained under his stimulating guidance, gaining in knowledge both theoretical and practical, and all proud to have been associated with him. The tone between different categories has always been free and open. Gunnar Wiberg always seems happiest during a heated discussion, especially when students have participated in a spirit of free discussion and criticism.

Two factors have helped Gunnar Wiberg to manage the large volume of work, and these are his excellent physical condition and his lively sense of humour.

The vitality he possesses and the atmosphere of team work together with the will to accept new ideas have involved him in the wearisome details connected with the shifting of the orthopaedic clinic to the new central block of the hospital in Lund.

Gunnar Wiberg has been one of the foremost internationally known Swedish orthopaedic surgeons, a great traveller and honoured guest. His many friends around the world will certainly expect to see even more of him in years to come.