

Citation for Prof. Ingemar Ihse

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Mr. President, it is my distinct honor to present to you Prof. Ingemar Ihse, of Lund, Sweden, for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

Professor Ihse was born in Ystad, a Hanseatic town located at the southern tip of Sweden. After completing his grammar and high school educations there, he entered medical school at Lund University and began a career-defining associa-

tion with that institution.

He completed his surgical residency and obtained a PhD in surgery at Lund University. He went on to develop his clinical and research interests in the pancreas, and joined the faculty of medicine at the university as an assistant professor. Because of his productivity as a teacher, clinician, and researcher, he was quickly promoted to associate professor.



Professor Ihse

Professor Ihse was then lured away to become professor and chairman of surgery at Linköping University. Under his leadership, the department became a recognized center for the investigation and management of pancreatic disease. Lund University recruited him back to become professor of gastrointestinal surgery and chairman of surgery. His department quickly became the leading center for pancreatic disease in Sweden and was internationally acknowledged for its expertise. His knowledge and administrative skills were then put to the test when he was appointed the medical director of Lund University Hospital. He initiated financially sound programs to improve the medical care provided to the inhabitants of Scania, and he promoted cooperation among the neighboring health care institutions. Currently, Ingemar Ihse is Emeritus Professor of Surgery at Lund University.

Professor Ihse has published more than 300 peer-reviewed articles and 96 book chapters, and coedited *Surgery of the Pancreas*. He has been an editor of *HPB*, the official organ of the

International HepatoPancreatoBiliary Association, and the *Scandinavian Journal of Gastroenterology*, and has been a member of 12 editorial boards. He has been president of the European Surgical Association, the IHPB Association, and six other medical organizations. He is an honorary fellow of seven surgical organizations, including the American Surgical Association and the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

In addition to the many professional accomplishments of his surgical career, Professor Ihse continues to make new contributions to help patients in Scandinavia and worldwide. He has organized and developed a clinical skills training center in Lund. This is the first center in Scandinavia that allows practicing physicians and trainees to learn new technology and its uses in a controlled environment before applying it to patients. He chairs the board of Coloplus AB, a biotech and functional food company committed to delivering improved nutrition to third-world populations, especially those with HIV/AIDS. He is also the founder of AMeC,

an information company providing patient access to recognized medical experts so that they can obtain a second opinion about their health problems.

Professor Ihse developed a Chicago connection while he was a student, and then a faculty member, at Lund University. The student social clubs put on skits, and one of their favorite subjects is Chicago gangsters. During his visits to Chicago, Professor Ihse has expanded his interest in this hobby. He crashed the party celebrating the closure of the jail where Al Capone was first imprisoned. He has also appeared on stage doing a Jimmy Cagney impersonation at one of our local restaurants called Tommy Guns.

Prof. Ingemar Ihse clearly embodies all of the attributes we expect of an Honorary Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Mr. President, it is my privilege to present this leading pancreatic researcher and surgeon, this accomplished health care administrator, this innovator in surgical education and access to care, for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.