Hong Jig Kim, M.D., Ph.D., 1948 to 2016

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Fig. 1. Dr. Hong Jig Kim.

Hong Jig Kim was born on February 18, 1948 in Changwon, South Korea. From 1967 to 1973, he studied at the School of Medicine, Pusan National University in Busan, South Korea, receiving his medical doctoral degree in 1973. Dr. Kim underwent internship training at Severance Hospital, Yonsei University College of Medicine in Seoul, South Korea from 1973 to 1974. Dr. Kim finished his residency training in the Department of Dermatology, Yonsei University College of Medicine, and he was certified by the Board of Dermatology in 1978 upon earning the highest board exam score. He received a master's degree in 1976 for his study on the clinical use of dermatophyte test medium under the guidance of Professor Sungnack Lee. He followed that up with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1980 for his studies on the antifungal effects of a combination of clotrimazole and 5-fluorocytosine on *Cryptococcus neoformans* in mice under the guidance of Professor Joo-Deuk Kim from the Department of Medicine, the Graduate School of Yonsei University in Seoul.

From 1978 to 1981, Dr. Kim worked as an army doctor and was discharged upon completing his military service as Head of the Department of Dermatology at the Armed Forces Capital Hospital in Seoul, with the rank

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Fig. 2. A commemorative photograph taken at the annual meeting of the Korean Society of Laser Medicine and Surgery in 2015.

of major in the army in 1981. He then went on to become assistant professor, associate professor, professor, and chair of the Department of Dermatology, Soonchunhyang University College of Medicine in Seoul from 1981 to 1994. He also served as visiting professor in the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA in 1993. From 1996 to 2016, he was the chief director of Oh-kim's Kim Hong Jig Skin and Laser Clinic in Seoul (Fig. 1).

Dr. Hong Jig Kim was a respected professor and a great dermatologist. As a professor, he was passionately committed to education and training younger medical students and dermatologists. Reflecting his passion for education, he also served as president of numerous academic associations and societies. As well, he made important contributions to organizing the Association of Korean Dermatologists. He served as president of the Association of Korean Dermatologists from 2003 to 2005, the Korean Society for Aesthetic and Dermatologic Surgery from 2004 to 2006, the Korean Society of Phlebology from 2006 to 2007, the Korean Society of Chemical Peeling from 2008 to 2009, the Korean Society of Hair Restoration Treatment from 2008 to 2011, the Korean Academy of Hot Spring from 2008 to 2012, the Korean Academy for Botulinum Toxin Therapy from 2009 to 2011, and the Korean Dermatological Association from 2012 to 2013.

The Korean Society of Laser Medicine and Surgery (KSLMS) was established in 1983, to which Dr. Kim served

as chairman of the board from 2011 to 2013 and president in 2016 (Fig. 2). He contributed crucially to the KSLMS by promoting academic interchange among clinicians, engineers, researchers, and laser companies. We believe that the KSLMS has grown greatly as a result of his efforts, as attested to by our growing number of members from various departments.

Since 1984, the KSLMS had published original studies nonperiodically in the *Journal of the Korean Society of Medical Laser* and annually since 1998, *Medical Lasers; Engineering, Basic Research, and Clinical Application*, which is abbreviated as *Med Lasers*, is the official journal of the KSLMS and has been re-published biannually in English since 2012, at the behest of Dr. Kim. He made great efforts to publish highly qualified, peer-reviewed manuscripts on medical laser technologies. He also very carefully read every issue of *Med Lasers* from cover to cover, and kindly advised and encouraged ways in which to improve the quality of the journal. We believe that he has laid significant groundwork for introducing new laser technologies, covering engineering, basic research, and their clinical application in Asian patients, to the rest of the world.

Although we have sadly lost our respected professor, a great dermatologist, chairman of the board, and president, Dr. Hong Jig Kim's valuable achievements will be remembered. We will miss his smiling face.