

EDITORIAL



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Dear Colleagues:

In 2001, this journal (then called The Journal of the International Society for Plastination) began the tradition of featuring a tribute to leading members of the plastination fraternity who had recently passed away. The first recipient of this recognition was Dr Harmon Bickley, who was referred to as the 'father of plastination in the USA' (Barnes, 2001). Other notable plastinators whose passing has also been noted this way, in chronological order, were: Lance Nash (d. 2018), Andreas Weiglein (d. 2020), and Santiago Aja Guardiola (d. 2021). This issue of The Journal of Plastination is dedicated to the memory of Prof Kees de Jong, who sadly passed away unexpectedly earlier this year. This issue of the journal contains two tributes to Kees: an article by his colleagues in Amsterdam, and a remembrance from members of the ISP with whom he worked for many years. Although Kees did not publish frequently, his influence as a teacher was profound, and it is fitting that the article that he co-authored with Dr Robert Henry on the silicone plastination technique has been viewed 1576 times since 2023, one of the highest metrics of any article published in the Journal of Plastination (de Jong & Henry, 2007).

The esteem in which he was held will be evident from the tributes published in this issue. He will be much missed.

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