



The Austrian Heart Foundation sadly announces
that its Honorary President

Professor Dr. Konrad Steinbach

died on May 21, 2018 at the age of 81.

In 1969 **Professor Dr. Konrad Steinbach** joined the newly established University Clinic of Prof. Dr. Fritz Kaindl of the Medical Faculty of the University of Vienna. The Austrian Heart Foundation was founded in 1971. From the beginning, Konrad Steinbach was an enthusiastic pioneer and was an efficient secretary of it for 27 years. He organized all of the initiatives of this organization; from 2003 to 2010, he was the President of it and, thereafter, the Honorary President.

Professor Dr. Steinbach was a pioneer in cardiology in Austria, especially in the field of cardiac pacing and electrophysiology. He was a co-founder of the European Working Group on Cardiac Pacing, and he introduced the European Pacemaker Registry in 1980. He was the president of the annual congress of the European Society of Cardiology in 1988 and also 10 years later in 1998. He initiated many health campaigns on cardiac arrhythmias, and he set milestones in the development of cardiology in Austria.

Professor Dr. Steinbach was a great cardiologist, pioneer, teacher, mentor, leader and tireless fighter for the discipline of cardiology.

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