

Obituary: Prof. Mohamed Awny Ali Labib



Professor Mohamed Labib died suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday 28th May 2016 in Windhoek, Namibia. At the time of his death Professor Mohamed Labib was the Head of the Surgery Department, School of Medicine, University of Namibia. Professor Labib was born 15 May 1957 in Cairo, Egypt. In 1986 he received his Bachelor degree in Medicine and Surgery, MBBCh, and his specialist Masters Degree in Urology, from Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt. He subsequently worked in Zimbabwe between 1990 – 1996 as Head of Urology Department, Mpilo Central Hospital, Bulawayo before his appointments in Zambia and later in Namibia. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa(2002) and became a Fellow of the Edinburgh College -FRCS (Ed.) - in 2004.

Professor Labib held a Fellowship in Urology from the International College of Surgeons (2005).He has 32 publications to his name, 2 Teaching booklets on Urology, and 36 presentations. In addition to his academic activities and qualifications Professor Labib was a loyal Council Member of COSECSA and the Chairman of the Education and Scientific Committee for many years before his departure to Namibia. During his tenure of Office in the University Teaching Hospital Lusaka Zambia he was the Head of the Urology unit and was promoted to Associate Professor for his academic contributions to the University of Zambia. He was instrumental in starting the COSECSA Urology Fellowship Programme in Zambia and the first Urology COSECSA Graduates were students trained by him in Lusaka.

Following his departure to Namibia he was promoted to a Professorship and continued to develop Urology.

A few months before his death he established the COSECSA Urology Training Programme in Namibia and became the Foundation President of the Namibian Surgical Society.

With his passing COSECSA has lost a loyal colleague and a gentleman.We extend our condolences to his wife, his son and daughter.

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