Prof. Jaap Valk, honorary member of the Swiss Society of Neuroradiology passed away on April 13, 2024, at the age of 94 years.

Prof. Valk was born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, on July 23, 1929. He obtained his medical degree at the Leiden University, followed by a residency in Neurology and Psychiatry. He later decided to become a neuroradiologist and did his training with Prof. Bernard George Ziedses des Plantes. Prof. Valk became head of the Department of Neuroradiology of VU University Medical Center in Amsterdam. In 1979 he was appointed full professor of Neuroradiology at the VU University. In 1981 he became head of Radiology of the VU University Medical Center. He retired from his academic job in 1999, but continued to actively contribute to our specialty until very recently.

Prof. Valk authored and co-authored many important text books on neuroradiology, and published more than 300 scientific papers. He was frequently invited around the globe to lecture. Prof. Valk received many prestigious awards, including the Wertheim Salomonson medal of the Dutch Society of Radiology, the gold medal of the International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, the Cornelia de Lange award of the Dutch Society of Child Neurology, and the gold medal of the American Society of Pediatric Neuroradiology. He was honorary member of numerous international societies, including the Swiss Society of Neuroradiology, the Radiological Society of North America (2003) and the European Society of Neuroradiology (2018).

Prof. Valk had a special connection with the Swiss neuroradiologists. He attended many scientific meetings in Switzerland including the XVIIth (Zurich) and XXXIth (Genf) annual scientific meetings of the European Society of Neuroradiology. Prof. Valk was also intensely involved in the Swiss Symposium in Pediatric Neuroradiology where he was a frequent speaker.

Prof. Valk was a giant in medicine, a superb neuroscientist, a great mentor, a world traveler, a friend to so many. His legacy will live on, we are grateful for all he gave to us.

Prof. Dr. Thierry A.G.M. Huisman and friends