

Obituary for Kiyonari Inamura

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With great sadness, we have to announce that Kiyonari Inamura, Professor Emeritus of Osaka University and long-standing member of the CARS Congress Organizing Committee and Deputy Editor of IJCARS, passed away on the 23 November 2017.

Kiyo's pioneering contributions to many fields relating to CARS, specifically in Medical Physics and Medical Engineering, have been on research and development in radiotherapy treatment planning systems and picture archiving and communication systems. The education of medical physicists at Osaka University, also for students coming from many countries outside Japan, accompanied this work and was always on the forefront of his motivation to advance the understanding of medical engineering and information sciences in the mind of younger people.

Kiyo Inamura's engagement in advancing interdisciplinary and international cooperation is without parallel and, combined with his remarkable selflessness, has been of great benefit not only for Japan but also for the rest of the world. This is reflected in the invitations he received to serve as president and honorary president of many international societies and congresses, including CARS 1998, 2002 and 2006.

All of us who knew Kiyo will never forget his honesty and his way of leading by example towards a better world of intercultural understanding.

Heinz Lemke

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