

Goran Akerstrom MD PhD

Goran Akerstrom trained in medicine and spent his entire surgical career at Uppsala University, the same institution where the parathyroid glands were described in humans in 1880 by the medical student Ivar Sandstrom. Goran obtained his PhD in 1980 on parathyroid pathology published in 1980. This landmark publication on the variable localization of the parathyroid glands is still utilized and widely cited today. Dr. Akerstrom became an Associate Professor at the University of Uppsala in 1983 and within a short period of time (1987) the Chief of Endocrine Surgery. His over 400 numerous publications and research in both hyperparathyroidism and neuroendocrine tumours helped him achieve full Professor in 1994. Dr. Akerstrom taught and mentored many surgeons about the value of aggressive surgical exploration in patients suffering from small bowel neuroendocrine tumours. In 1997 he was President of the Swedish Endocrine Surgical Association while serving as the Secretary-Treasurer of the IAES. From 2007-2009 he was the 15th President of the IAES. He was then elected as President of the International Society of Surgeons in 2011. Goran remained clinically active until becoming Professor Emeritus at Uppsala University in 2014 and continued to teach international students through the IAES postgraduate courses up until 2016. Since retirement he spends time in the Swedish country-side and keeps in touch with his endocrine surgical friends.