

Dr. Per-Ola Granberg

Per-Ola Granberg was born in 1921 in the north of Sweden. He studied medicine at the Karolinska Institute and became MD in 1948. His surgical career started at the Karolinska, was continued at Mörby Hospital, but he soon returned to the Karolinska to fulfil his PhD thesis in kidney physiology. He was instrumental in forming endocrine surgery as a subspecialty in Scandinavia. Per-Ola was also one of the founders of the IAES in 1979, and later became the association's president 1983-85. After achieving a professorship in surgery, Per-Ola retired in 1986. He continued as teacher thereafter, not least lecturing on one of his great interests and specialties: how to behave in the mountains during winter, including how to survive snow blizzards...

Per-Ola Granberg created the expression “endocrine surgeons are the friendly surgeons”, and he was certainly himself one of the best examples of this attribute. He had an unusual ability to create a good and festive atmosphere and was therefore much admired by his many colleagues and friends in Sweden and internationally. Many of his apprentices have learnt a lot from him, both professionally and socially. But most important for him was patient care and developing better tools for patient treatment. One example of the latter is his devotion for spreading the technique of fine needle aspiration cytology of thyroid tumors world-wide, thereby lowering the number of unnecessary surgical procedures.

Professor Per-Ola Granberg's achievements in and his role for endocrine surgery cannot be overestimated.

