

Charles Proye

Professor Charles Proye was born in the northern French city of Lille in 1938 where he also lived until his death in 2007.

Charles Proye was one of the handful of early true specialists in endocrine surgery and was known for his encyclopaedic knowledge of the speciality to which he contributed significantly. He was known for his meticulous surgical technique, his innovative contributions across the breadth of endocrine surgery especially pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors. With Jean Francois Henry he was one of the beacons of Francophone endocrine endocrine surgery and welcomed countless fellows from many different countries. These trained surgeons were able to witness first hand his surgical approach, his larger than life personal outlook and notorious appetite for enjoying life.

In addition to being the President of the IAES from 1997-1999, he also was the local host of the Lille portion of the Millennium endocrine surgery meeting, when the attendees moved from London to his hometown via the newly opened Channel Tunnel.

Charles Proye received many honors during his career, including being a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; a member of the French Academy of Surgery, the British Association of Endocrine Surgeons and the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons; and the Founding President of the Francophone Association of Endocrine Surgeons. He received the French Légion d'Honneur, the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte for his contribution to surgery.

Charles Proye had a passion for diving and was a gourmande in the greatest French traditions. He welcomed colleagues from around the world into his home and inspired them with his commitment to advancing endocrine surgery without sacrificing his convivial approach to friendship.