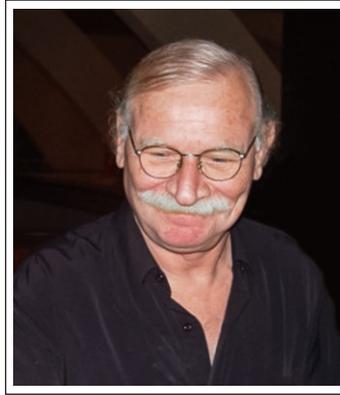


## Antonio Richieri da Costa (1946 - 2019)



Photograph taken from Antonio Richieri da Costa e-mail/Facebook page

The medical geneticist Antonio Richieri da Costa died in August 2019 at the age of 73 in the city of Bauru (São Paulo, Brazil). He worked there at the Hospital for Rehabilitation of Cranio-Facial Anomalies of the University of São Paulo (HRAC-USP), where he was Head of the Division of Syndromology.

Richieri studied Medicine at the São Paulo State University (UNESP) in Botucatu, SP, from 1964 until 1971, where he also completed his medical residency, specializing in clinical neurology. At the end of his residency (1974), he enrolled in the post-graduate program of Genetics at the Institute of Biosciences of University of São Paulo (USP) in the capital, São Paulo. There he obtained the necessary course credits for his doctorate and developed his research project on adult autosomal dominant spino-muscular atrophies. In 1982 he presented his doctoral thesis and obtained the title.

Since the time of his graduate studies and until the mid-1980s, he did voluntary work at the Genetic Counseling and Medical Genetics Service of the Human Genetics Laboratory, created by his doctoral mentor, Professor Oswaldo Frota-Pessoa. In 1984 he obtained the title of Associate Professor (*livre docente*) in Medical Genetics at the Ribeirão Preto School of Medicine of the University of São Paulo, in Ribeirão Preto, having presented a monograph on congenital anomalies of the limbs. Before joining the HRAC-USP in the mid-1980s, he practiced as a neurologist

or geneticist at several medical and genetics services in the cities of Botucatu, Bauru, and São Paulo.

Interested in syndromology since the time of his graduate studies in the 1970s, he published about 250 scientific articles in his area of specialty, almost always in first-rate international scientific journals. Syndromology is an area in which he had already achieved first-rate international projection, including the description of some new syndromes and the correct and complete re-description of various nosological groups of importance in medical genetics. He participated in the editorial board or was a reviewer of several important international journals, such as *Journal of Medical Genetics*, *Clinical Dysmorphology*, and the *American Journal of Medical Genetics* (where he published more than 100 scientific articles). At HRAC-USP, where he worked for more than three decades, he supervised 40 Master's and Doctoral dissertations.

All of us who have had the grateful satisfaction of studying and working with him will miss him very much. An eulogy on Dr. Richieri was published in the *American Journal of Medical Genetics* (2019, DOI: 10.1002/ajmg.a.61343) by Dr. Vera Lúcia Gil da Silva Lopes, from the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), where other details about his personal, academic, and professional life can be found. (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ajmg.a.61343>).

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