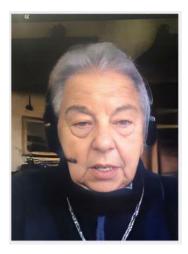
Dear colleagues,



"Unfortunately, I have the sad task to announce that last Easter Monday, one of the founding members of the EBMWG, Dr. Nina Hurwitz passed away. "We stand on the shoulders of giants, that's why we can see so far," Newton said. This applies to Nina very aptly for generations of haematopathologists. It was she who brought the era of modern, interdisciplinary, clinically oriented haematopathology to Basel. It was she who, together with a whole generation of strong women, shaped the EBMWG in last millennium.

Like no other in the last 20 years after her retirement she spread her shaping hands out into the wide world - including Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa - to teach our colleagues about haemaptopathology in countries with more limited access to resources hereby listening to theirs' and patients' concerns in often godforsaken places to finally start meaningful aid projects. Doing this, Nina consciously and unconsciously positively influenced the fate of countless fellow women and men: what a sign of humanity, and contrary to what she experienced in her childhood at the time of World War II and persecution of Jews. Her dedication to people was endless; in fact, up until two weeks ago - as I know firsthand - she kept in touch with friends around the world on her projects. Regrettably, a bad illness robbed her the power of continuing and she had to say goodbye forever.

The funeral will take place in Israel, her son and her husband will accompany her on this last journey.

Sincere thanks go to Nina, the tasks she has completed and her commitment, which was enchantable and encouraging."

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