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Michael HÖLLWARTH (1943-2024)

Dear ESPES members,

Dear ladies and gentlemen, colleagues and friends,

A deep feeling of sorrow marked the loss of Prof. Michael Höllwarth, who passed away on March 12, 2024.

The World of Paediatric and Adolescent Surgery misses a highly valued personality, who dedicated all his life to the well-being of his patients and who led our discipline with vision and excellence into a better future.

Michael played a pivotal role as a leading figure in the progress of pediatric surgery, both in Europe and on a global scale. Thanks to his efforts, the influence of Graz, a relatively small city, on the global advancement of pediatric surgery is beyond comprehension.

As a surgeon and scientist his achievements have been recognized by numerous national and international honors from all well-known peer societies.

We will forever hold Michael Höllwarth in honorable memory.