

Obituary

Luise Krempl-Lamprecht 1923–1999



Luise Krempl-Lamprecht, founder member of the Deutschsprachige Mykologische Gesellschaft and one of the eminent medical mycologists in Germany, died unexpectedly on 30th March, 1999.

She was born 1923 in upper Bavaria and studied botany, mainly focused on systematics, at the University of Munich where she was promoted to Doctor rerum naturalium under the supervision of Professor Suessenguth. She then entered medical mycology by establishing the mycological laboratory of the Dermatological Clinic Biederstein, incorporated in the newly founded Medical Faculty of the Technical University of Munich, the second medical faculty of the capital of Bavaria. In 1978 she was appointed Professor Extraordinarius. Holding this position until her retirement, she presented lectures on special mycology and mycopathology at the Department of Microbiology of the TU.

Krempl-Lamprecht's research was closely related to clinical mycology. Some fungal diseases, rare in Germany, were described by her in casuistics. She dealt

intensely with black fungi and with phaeohyphomycoses as one of the first mycologists in Germany. In early studies she demonstrated the antimycotic efficacy of thiazidines and described the treatment of dermatomycoses with variotin. She detected for the first time *Microsporium ferrugineum* in a Munich dermatophytosis case. Her special interest was dedicated to *Scopulariopsis brevicaulis* as a pathogen involved in onychomycosis.

Luise Krempl-Lamprecht was a Charter Member of the Deutschsprachige Mykologische Gesellschaft in which she served for 18 years as an expert Treasurer and Council Member from 1975 until 1993. Owing to her intelligent financial policy a remarkable capital was built up, enabling the Society to fund scientific awards, to support young Members in participating international congresses and to finance sabbaticals for foreign scientific guests. Luise Krempl-Lamprecht participated regularly in mycological congresses of our Society as well as in the mycological meetings of the former German Democratic Republic, she attended many congresses in Eastern Europe as well the ISHAM congresses.

Luise Krempl-Lamprecht was married to the physicist Professor Hans Krempl who had passed away eight years before his wife. Both together they published studies on enzyme proteins as characters defining relationships in the systematics of dermatophytes.

Luise Krempl-Lamprecht received remarkable honours. In Essen in 1991, at the occasion of the Society's 30th anniversary, she was decorated with the Johann Lucas Schönlein Medal, and at the MYK '98 in Frankfurt/Oder she was appointed Honorary Member of the Society. This was the last scientific meeting at which her colleagues were facing her always lively, enthusiastic, unforgettable personality. The Society Members will keep fond memories of her.

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