

Pioneers in Hand Surgery

IFSSH Pioneer profile:

Professor Erik Moberg

Professor Moberg's work and observations, particularly his studies on sensitivity in the hand and its importance for function, have been recognised and honored for many years. The objective methods that he developed to determine the functional value of sensitivity in the hand are used everywhere by Hand Surgeons and have stimulated



continuing research for improved methods of nerve repair. His concise and accurate descriptions of diseases and injuries of the hand are classical. He trained many Hand Surgeons in Sweden and worldwide through his participation in numerous international symposia.

Professor Moberg was born in Lund, Sweden. He received his Medical Doctorate and his PhD degree from the University of Lund where he became Assistant Professor of Experimental Pathology. He was later appointed Assistant Professor of General Surgery at the University of Göteborg (1945). In 1946, Professor Moberg created the first Department of Hand Surgery in Scandinavia at the University of Göteborg. He further studied Hand Surgery in the United States under the aegis of Drs. Sterling Bunnell, Sumner L. Koch, Allen Kanavel, Michael L. Mason, and Harvey S. Allen in 1947. He was appointed Professor of Orthopaedic and Hand Surgery at the University of Göteborg in 1958.

Professor Moberg had the honor to deliver the first Sterling Bunnell Memorial Lecture in San Francisco in 1962. He was President of the Swedish Surgical Society in 1968. He was a founding member of the Scandinavian Society for Surgery of the Hand and of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand which he served as first President in 1968-1969. Professor Moberg was a Visiting Professor at the University of California (Irvine) and arranged International Conferences on the Surgical Rehabilitation of the Upper Limb in Tetraplegia in Edinburgh (1978) and Giens, France (1984).

Professor Moberg was honorary or corresponding member of 15 medical societies abroad and in Sweden. He published many books and articles in the field of Hand Surgery and Medicine.

Professor Moberg loved the sea and was an avid sailor. He and his wife Marta resided in Göteborg, Sweden.