



May 30th, 2022

The Coordinator and the former Coordinators of the *European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy* announce with great sadness the passing of

Prof. Dr. Adamantios Avgoustidis

He was born May 15th, 1957 in Piraeus, Greece, and died there on May 30th, 2022.



For almost 20 years Father Adamantios represented the Orthodox Church of Greece in the Network. He was present during the founding meeting in the Orthodox Academy of Crete in 2000. Since then he did not miss a consultation. He was elected several times as a committee member. Father Adamantios participated for the last time in the consultation of Debrecen in 2016. Shortly after, he was diagnosed with brain cancer. After two surgeries, he was not able to speak. Five years after his diagnosis he died in Athens on Monday morning, May 30th, 2022.

It is hard to find words to express what Father Adamantios meant to the ENHCC and to those among us who were touched by his presence, his openness, his intelligence, his wisdom and his humor. His sense of discernment, strategy and his ability to work hard enriched the committees he served. Those who participated, will never forget his hospitality when the committee meetings took place in Athens.

Father Adamantios Avgoustidis was a priest, psychiatrist, professor at the University of Athens and Director of the Foundation for Pastoral Formation of the Orthodox Church of Greece. He meant a lot to the Orthodox Church, to many patients and students and most of all to his friends and family. Father Adamantios believed in God with his whole being and we believe he is now taking part in eternal God's mystery and beauty. May he rest in God's peace.

We offer our condolences to his wife and children, His Beatitude Archbishop IERONYMOS II of Athens and All Greece, his fellow priests and deacons, and all who grief his passing. The funeral will be held at the Cathedral of Athens on Wednesday June 1st, 2022 at 12 pm.

Rev. Gudrun Rosen, Coordinator of the ENHCC

Former Coordinators of the ENHCC:

Fr. Stavros Kofinas (2000-2010)

Prof. Anne Vandenhoeck (2010-2016)

Fr. Simon Evers (2016-2022)