

George Keith Chapman, born in 1932, died quietly at home in Sydney recently.

George was an early member of the International Skeletal Society, joining in 1983 and in which he was actively involved until his retirement in 2004. He frequently presented at the Members Meeting and was a keen participant in all aspects of the society's activities, including serving on the ISS Executive Committee. He especially enjoyed all of the social events, happily accompanied by his wife Hilde.

in 1998 he assisted Professor Janet McCredie in her organisation of the highly successful Sydney meeting of the ISS which is still fondly remembered by many of our current members.

George had been an important part of the Sydney radiological and orthopaedic world virtually from the time of his graduation from the University of Sydney in 1955. He obtained membership of the then Royal College of Radiologists in 1960 and practised radiology at Saint Vincents and Mater Hospitals throughout the 1960s. He went on to establish a very active well respected private radiological practise and he served as Visiting Medical Officer at Royal North Shore Hospital until his retirement.

He helped establish clinical orthopaedic and radiology meetings at Royal North Shore hospital where difficult cases were presented for discussion and which continues to this day. He also facilitated establishment the New South Wales Bone Tumour weekly multidisciplinary meeting at Royal Prince Alfred hospital where he remained the prime radiologist for decades and which remains active to this day.

George was universally regarded as an excellent clinician and radiologist who was a mentor to several generations of excellent musculoskeletal radiologists throughout Australia, particularly in New South Wales and Sydney. Through the bone tumour meeting he became a mentor to pathologists and orthopaedic surgeons with an interest in the field.

Even in latter years, where CT and MRI have come to dominate the landscape of diagnosis, George would refer to the plain radiograph and, in the vast majority of cases, would accurately predict the nature of the lesion using this modality only. He reminded all of us how useful a simple non-costly investigation could be.

He was a true gentleman and a thoroughly engaging raconteur. He had superb timing which he demonstrated to the end having an 89th birthday party with Hilde, his family and close friends earlier on the day in which he died.

He will be missed by all.