Robin Gow Willison, 1925–2012

Robin was a Member of the Society from 1965, formerly a Senior Lecturer in Neurology and, from 1980–90, head of the Department of Clinical Neurophysiology at the National Hospital, Queen Square, London. He died on 18th February 2012.

Robin made numerous important contributions to Clinical Neurophysiology and can be regarded as one of the founding fathers of EMG as we know it. A major interest was automated EMG analysis; with colleagues, he developed and refined techniques for quantitative analysis of EMG in health and disease. There was also pioneering work on EEG telemetry and the clinical application of mathematical modelling. His early interest in computers and indeed in anything mechanical, gave him an important role at Queen Square as an approachable link between medicine and technology.

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