

In Memoriam



Peter Huijbregts

We are greatly saddened by the sudden loss of our close friend and colleague Peter Huijbregts, who passed away on November 6th 2010. This is a great tragedy and a terrible loss to his family and friends, the profession of physical therapy, and indeed to society in general. We are also saddened by the countless individuals who will never have a chance to be personally influenced by him. Peter was one of those individuals you never forgot if you were fortunate enough to have him cross your path.

We were aware of Peter's substantial contribution to the physical therapy profession well before we had an opportunity to meet and work with him personally. We first became friends during his tenure as Editor for the *Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy*. Since that time he has had a huge influence on both our professional lives. We have been fortunate enough to work with him as co-editors on this textbook, as well as on many peer-reviewed publications.

Peter was wonderfully articulate and never at a loss for words. We can recall numerous late evenings spent at national conferences enjoying conversations with Peter, who would frequently mention his love for his wife Rap, and his two children, Arun Joseph and Annika Dani. Peter had a terrific passion for both his personal and his professional life.

He was always up for discussing the historical origins of manual therapy or the current evidence supporting the effectiveness of interventions. We will never forget his sense of humour – many times Peter entertained the room with his wit and comedy.

Peter has had a remarkable influence on many professionals who have been fortunate enough to encounter him. His passing will leave a huge void in the manual therapy community around the world.

Peter was truly a great gentleman, a wise scholar and an inspiring man.

We will miss him greatly.

César and Josh