Dear colleagues and friends,
the community of heart surgeons has lost one of its most distinguished members. On July 4, 2016, Prof. Dr. Christian Schreiber died in Munich, Germany.

We are all shocked, deeply touched and saddened by this message. Our thoughts are with his wife, his two daughters and the whole family. I personally had the privilege of knowing Christian Schreiber for almost 20 years and regard him as one of my closest friends. On the many occasions we worked together I came to know him as a valued partner and an outstanding surgeon. He performed operations all over the world and had a deep impact on pediatric cardiac surgery in all its technical and academic aspects. He was a patient and intuitive surgical teacher whose attitudes left a lasting impression on several generations of young surgeons. His scientific contribution to the community of pediatric cardiac surgery was exceptional. His friendly manner, fine sense of humor and generosity left a deep impression on all those who were fortunate enough to work with him. We will sorely miss him, both, from a personal and from a professional point of view.

Prof. Dr. Christian Schreiber leaves a space that will never be filled.

On behalf of the entire staff of the German Heart Center Munich,

Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Lange