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"He has sent me ... to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." (Luke 4:18)

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In Memoriam – Prof. François Blin (1937–2026)
President of the FEAMC (2008–2016)

The European Federation of Catholic Medical Associations (FEAMC) has learned with profound sadness of the passing of **Prof. François Blin** on 6 November 2026, at the age of 89. On behalf of the FEAMC, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and to all those who had the privilege of knowing and working alongside him.

Prof. François Blin devoted many years of his life to the service of the FEAMC, serving as its President from 2008 to 2016. During these years, he provided dedicated leadership and gave generously of his time, energy and commitment to strengthening the Federation and advancing its mission within the European community of Catholic physicians.

His presidency was marked by a deep commitment to the values that unite Catholic doctors: faith, professional responsibility, respect for human dignity and the protection of human life. He firmly believed in the importance of bringing Catholic physicians together across national borders, fostering friendship, dialogue and cooperation, and giving a meaningful voice to the Christian understanding of medicine in European society.

On a more personal note, I remember Prof. Blin with particular fondness from his visits to Zagreb on several occasions. I had the privilege of spending considerable time with him, especially during his visit on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Croatian Catholic Medical Association (CroCMA), when, as President of the Zagreb Branch of CroCMA, I had the honour of hosting him. Those moments remain particularly dear to me. I remember his kindness, his genuine interest in our association and its activities, and the spirit of friendship and fraternity that characterised our encounters. These personal memories add a special dimension to my gratitude for his friendship and his dedication to both CroCMA and the FEAMC.

We remember Prof. Blin with profound gratitude and respect, not only for his years of leadership and service, but also for his personal dedication to the Federation, which held such an important place in his life. His contribution forms an enduring part of the history of the FEAMC, and his commitment will remain an example for future generations.

We shall remember him in our thoughts and prayers, entrusting him to the loving mercy of God. May the Lord welcome him into His eternal peace and bring comfort and strength to his family and loved ones. May he rest in peace.

With deepest sympathy and in fraternal remembrance,

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