

Ladies and Gentlemen:

If you should ask me to please, stand up; I should have to answer: Sorry , I can't. I am speaking from a wheel chair, as I had my right leg amputated some months ago! Any way:

You are in Domus Medica!

This is (also) our home. Privately: If our home is too small for a celebration or a feast we move it to Domus Medica. Officially: in the perspective of the IRCT and the work against torture, it is also our home; as a matter of fact we spent our 'childhood' here.

Out on the landing you may notice a bronze relief in the honour of Doctor Jens Dugaard.

He became a member of the working groups on torture, created in 1974 by Inge Genesø; he was a prominent member of The Danish Medical Association, and has represented the DMA in the World Medical Association. He was (one of) the creator(s) of the Declaration on Torture: The Tokyo Declaration from 1975, by the World Medical Association. The Declaration defined torture and described the role of doctors in the fight against this most atrocious/heinous of crimes. The Tokyo Declaration of 1975 has been our bible since - well! The old testament! The relief tells, in no words, of the support by the Danish Medical Association for our work, ever since the birth of our movement.

But Domus Medica is not only a home for an individual. No! It was the physical home for us as an organisation also.

In 1974 and 75 the doctors working against torture organized themselves in the Amnesty International Medical group, which by the way still exists. From the very beginning they performed research: nothing was known about torture and the medical aspects of it. They also investigated how to diagnose torture, for example electrical torture. The "Electrical Group" made some epochal tests, where they took out biopsies after performing electrical torture on pigs.

Animals, in this case pigs used in research, are actually among the happiest of animals: If something is going to hurt they are anaesthetized, and generally they are cared for in the most kind ways.

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The cooperation between the Danish Medical Association and The World Medical Association continued for the following years; resulting among others in a symposium here in Domus Medica, the first meeting on 'Oppression of the medical doctors working against torture and impunity' in 1987. The chairman of the Danish Medical Association, Professor Erik Holst headed the meeting, and later succeeded me as president of the board of the RCT. His portrait can be seen in the next room.

The work against torture is for sure ever extremely grateful for the support from the Danish Medical Association. The IRCT also want to express their gratitude! And allow me to express a personal thanks from Inge and me for the cooperation with the presidents and directors during the latest years.

The Danish Medical Association's gratefulness to the RCT/IRCT is expressed by the fact that Inge GeneSe and Bent Sørensen - the names in the foundation who at present gives out the Inge GeneSe Award - have both received the finest honour from the association, namely the Barfred Petersens Ærespris. By the way, the only couple so far to do so.

During the first half of IRCT's 25 years of existence, the IRCT and the RCT were merged. We - from the Secretary General to the Receptionists - never really knew if we were serving the RCT or The IRCT. These were the years, when the fundamental knowledge about torture acquired.

What is torture? How to treat? How to prevent? How to diagnose? How to punish the torturers?

After the unhappy divorce from the RCT and for the remaining half of IRCT's life, we made use of this knowledge and created the IRCT imperium - presently amounting to 146 centres world wide. The IRCT became the international, universal "mouthpiece" in all matters of torture. And more than 100.000 torture victims were treated annually.

Sincere congratulations from Inge and myself. May I kindly ask you to raise your glasses and toast to the IRCT

Cheers to the IRCT!: Hip Hip Hip Hip Hip Hip

Thank you! ----- And now please enjoy a little of your drink, and let's continue:

The Inge GeneSe and Bent Sørensen Anti Torture Support Foundation, the donor of this reception, was inaugurated by the OAK Foundation in 2002.

One of the duties of the Board is - in even years - to select a recipient of the

Inge Gene\$e Award.

In 2004 it was Veli Løk, Turkey, Europe In 2006 Monica Ferrier, Peru, Latin America In 2008 Frances Lovemore, Zimbabwe, Africa,

And I am happy to announce, that the board has unanimously selected:

JUNE CARIDAD PAGADUAN-LOPEZ, Professor, M.D, The Philipines, Asia

To be the recipient of the 2010 Inge Gene\$e Award. In vain, you look around: Where is she? Where is her lovely face?

Well, she is in the Philipines. June has been seriously ill, and has just finished her second chemotherapy treatment; and with your immune- system not being at the top, you cannot travel for 24 hours, and to a country with snow and frost. Her sister Lilian Pagaduan Nawalinski will represent June and receive the Inge Gene\$e Award on Junes behalf.

Welcome to Lilian.

June belongs to a very special group of people: Those, who started to work against Torture, while their country was still under dictatorship. All work against torture is in principle dangerous, but the work carried out during a dictatorship belongs in a special class. It takes courage, real courage - you risk your life. If you are going to survive, it also requires professionalism in your work and respect for medical ethical values. And this can only be found in people with "heart".

It started with the "Medical Action Group". What a clever name! Who could possibly oppose the work of Medical action? The work for health? However, their target group were the oppressed, and in particular the tortured.

During the rehabilitation of the tortured, they learned a lot - and they taught us a lot. The persons who suffered were not only those who had been directly tortured, but also, and sometimes mostly! the family i.e. the women and the children. And forever these two groups were closest to her heart.

Together with Elisabeth Marcelino, June did research, and practical treatment of children. I will never forget the day, when June told me: "Bent, it is necessary to teach these children to play! They have lost the most basic reflexes common to all living children, lions, rabbits or human beings: to play".

In 1989 Inge received 370.000 or more Danish kroner from Carlsberg - Brewers of the beer, which you'll find on the table; Inge decided that they were to be used for a seminar on 'torture and children'. Of course it was to be held in Manila. Researchers from 8 states participated, those who had worked with tortured children.

On the morning when the seminar started, the participants heard airplanes and later on bombings; there had been a "Coup d`Etat". As I have told you, Ladies and Gentlemen, the IRCT have always been professional. So among the participants were Dario Lagos and his wife, Diana, Argentina. "Ah" they said.

"A Coup d'état - our speciality . Listen!" They suggested an escape by sea. However, the participants – and Inge! decided that the seminar should continue – and so it did. Your work, June, for achieving understanding for raped women, and for treating and rehabilitating them is respected all over the world. You have managed to have the rehabilitation and preventive work on torture and other repression recognized as an academic discipline. You are a full time professor of psychiatry .

You have very close relations with Denmark. Privately and officially . Privately: Your first daughter is not born in Denmark; even better: She is produced in Denmark! Dear friends: if you can count to 9, you will understand.

When Gorm Wagner and Helle Larsen, who are both present here tonight, hesitated to get married, you knew there could be many reasons! You took over: Come to Manila, and I will take care of it! So they went, were married, and they still are. June, you are always successful.

Officially: June has been employed with the IRCT in the scientific work of the medical department. I was impressed by June's moral. On her desk was a sign with the clever words: "Start, when you are ready . Stop, when you have finished." Your work was professional, based on hard thinking and always present with a deeply involved heart.

If June had a coat of arms what could be the famous words on it? The vision in modern words. What characterizes these pioneers in the work against torture? I remember the heroes of my time as a medical doctor, a surgeon and a plastic surgeon. They were the British plastic surgeons from the second world war. They invented plastic surgery and like the workers against torture, they "saw the invisible and did the impossible". They used their head to find a solution, and their hands and skills to put it into work; all based on a profound respect for the individuals and their integrity. They were led by their heart - as were the first workers against torture.

The coat of arms of the world's first association of plastic surgeons, the British Association of Plastic Surgeons, or BAPS says: HEAD HAND and HEAR T .

Please June, if you ever get a coat of arms, you could proudly use those words.

Dear Lilian: Please receive the Inge Gene\$e Award 2010 on behalf of your sister June Pagaduan Lopez. And give her this instrument: a steel to create fire, originally used by the vikings. We give it to - what is referred to in Danish as "Ildsjæle", souls on fire - for their commitment.

And give her this message: The Board of the Inge Gene\$e and Bent Sørensen Anti Torture Support Foundation has commanded that I tell you: The Board of the Inge Gene\$e and Bent Sørensen Anti Torture Support Foundation is proud and honoured that June Lopez has accepted the 2010 Inge Gene\$e Award.

Thank you!

Bent Sørensen, MD. DMSc.

Professor

Former member of the CAT and The CPT

Manager of the Inge Genefke and Bent Sørensen Anti Torture Foundation