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----- Obituary -----

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Dr. ROBERTS. SCHWAB in Boston, Massachusetts, on 6 April 1972. Dr. Schwab was a moving force in the establishment of electroencephalography as a clinical discipline both in the United States and throughout the world. He was the founder and first director of the Brain Wave Laboratory at the Massachusetts General Hospital, the first clinical EEG laboratory in the United States. He was one of the founders of the American EEG Society, its first secretary (1947-1949) and one of its early presidents (1950-1951). He was also the first president of the Eastern Association of Electroencephalographers (1946) and an honorary member of The EEG Society.

As a neurologist, Dr. Schwab's interests encompassed many areas. He is especially noted for his work in relation to Parkinsonism and myasthenia gravis. He was one of the first to become concerned with the problem of cerebral death and one of the leading proponents of the importance of EEG in its evaluation. At the time of his death, Dr. Schwab was director emeritus and consultant to the Brain Wave Laboratory, MGH, and associate clinical professor of neurology emeritus at Harvard Medical School. He was author of the book "Electroencephalography in General Practice" (1951).

Dr. Schwab's contributions to the Federation were many. He was active in the early International Congresses, having been secretary general of the 3rd International Congress in Cambridge, Massachusetts (1953), and played a role in all of the subsequent congresses. He was the first Managing Editor of The EEG Journal (1949) and a member of the Editorial Board or a Consulting Editor ever since.