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Prof. Helen O'Connell AO  
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Dear Helen,

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our Past President Dr. Michael Rochford, a giant in our field who guided and significantly influenced the development of both our organizations into what they are today.

Michael was a friend and mentor to many, always pushing boundaries for higher education and better training. He was responsible for shaping the careers of countless urologists both at home and abroad. On behalf of the SIU Board of Directors, our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and colleagues.

The impact of Michael's absence resonates deeply within our community, but his legacy will undoubtedly endure. We join the global urological community in mourning the loss of a distinguished colleague and friend. During this difficult time, we take comfort in the memories we shared with our dear friend Michael.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Rajeev Kumar**  
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