

ADOLPHO LUTZ

Doctor Adolpho Lutz, born in the city of Rio de Janeiro on December 18, 1855, died there on October 6, 1940. He obtained his medical degree from Berne University in 1879 and studied bacteriology with Pasteur and Lister and dermatology with Unna, in Hamburg. From there he published his first paper on leprosy, in 1886; he proposed the generic name *Coccothrix* for the causative organism. In 1889 he went to Hawaii, where he was leprologist of the health department for two years. In 1892 he returned to Brazil and was appointed director of the Instituto Bacteriologico of São Paulo. In 1905 he was made chief of the section of medical zoology of the Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, of Rio de Janeiro, where he worked until the last days of his life. He published many papers and books on natural history and tropical medicine. Professor of the Instituto Oswaldo Cruz by decree, Dr. Lutz was Commander of the Crown Order of Belgium and member of various scientific associations, including the International Leprosy Association.

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