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*Swietenia*

*Meliaceae*

*Swietenia* commemorates a Dutch-born Austrian botanist and physician, Gerard van Swieten (1700-1772), who moved to Vienna in 1745 and became physician to the Holy Roman Empress Maria Theresa (1717-1780). He also made reforms in medical education in Vienna and in the Austrian health system, and established a botanical garden, a chemical laboratory and the first Viennese medical school.. His published works include *Commentaria*.