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MONROE E. WALL 1916-2002



Monroe E. Wall passed away July 6, 2002 at the age of 85. He is sadly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues in the field of natural products research. He was a dedicated researcher, working up until the day he fell ill, about two weeks before he died.

Monroe received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. from Rutgers University. Rutgers honors him on a biennial basis with the Monroe Wall Symposium, which took place recently in conjunction with the ASP annual meeting last month in New Brunswick.

Dr. Wall was a pioneer in natural products chemistry, being one of the early scientists to incorporate the use of mass spectroscopy and NMR to aid in structure elucidation of drug metabolites.

The world will remember him for his work in the field of natural antitumor agents. He, together with Mansukh C. Wani, was responsible for the discovery of Taxol® and Camptothecin™ in the 1960's. These two drugs save lives on a daily basis.

Dr. Wall's first post-doctoral position was with the United

States Department of Agriculture. In 1960 he joined Research Triangle Institute. At the time of his death, Monroe directed the Chemistry Department Research Team at Research Triangle.

Dr. Wall has received numerous awards, including the prestigious Charles F. Kettering Prize from the General Motors Foundation. Other awards include the American Pharmaceutical Association's top research award for natural products chemistry, the Department of Agriculture's Superior Accomplishment Award, and the American Chemical Society's Alfred Burger Award.

Monroe was a valued member of the American Society of Pharmacognosy as well. He received the ASP's Research Achievement Award and was awarded Honorary Membership.

Monroe is survived by his wife Marian, two children, and four grandchildren.



MEETINGS

Future ASP Meetings

- 2003 - Research Triangle Park, NC
- 2004 - Arizona, joint meeting with European societies
- 2005 - Corvallis, OR

AAPS Meeting - 2002

November 10-14, - Toronto, Ontario (Canada), AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition, Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Other Meetings of Interest—2002

September 8-12 - Barcelona, Spain. Society for Medicinal Plant Research, 50th Annual Congress. Contact information: Scientific items to Prof. Dr. Salvador Cañigueral, Unitat de Farmacologia i Farmacognòsia, Facultat de Farmàcia, Universitat de Barcelona, Avda. Diagonal, 643, E-08028 Barcelona (Spain). Phone +34 93.402.45.31, Fax +34 93.403.59.82, Email, <bcn50ga@farmacia.far.ub.es> Registration to Ultramar Express, Professional Congress Organizer, Diputación, 238-2nd, E-08007 Barcelona (Spain) Phone: +34 93.482.71.40, Fax: +34 93.482.71.58, E-mail: <scastres@uex.es> Web page: <<http://www.opuex.com/50congressmedicinalplantresearch>>.

September 16-18 - Istanbul, Turkey. 3rd International Research Symposium on Pharmaceutics. Contact information: Istanbul University, Faculty of Pharmacy Department of Pharmaceutical Technology 34452 Beyazit - Istanbul / Turkey. Tel : +90 (212) 519 09 04 Fax : +90 (212) 513 42 22 E-mail : <iporsip@turk.net>, Web: <<http://abone.turk.net/iporsip/>>

October 21-22 - California State Polytechnic University, Pomona - Phytochemicals:

Mechanisms of Action. For information contact: Mark Meskin, Program Chair, Department of Human Nutrition and Food Service, California State Polytechnic University Pomona, 3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768 Phone: (909)869-2226 Fax: (909)869-5078 Email: pc02@accessbusinessgroup.com

Other Meetings of Interest—2003

April 6-9, - Bornheim-Walberberg, Germany - Phytochemistry and Biology of Lignans. For information: Prof. Dr. Maike Petersen, Institut für Pharmazeutische Biologie, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Deutschhausstr. 17A, D-35037 Marburg, Germany. Fax ++49-(0)6421-2825828 Phone ++49-(0)6421-2825821 E-mail: petersen@mail.uni-marburg.de Website: <http://www.lignans.de>

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The American Society of Pharmacognosy offers a placement service to aid our members in seeking positions or employees. This service is available only to ASP members and is free to both the applicant and the prospective employer. Once an application is submitted, it will remain on file for one (1) year, at which time it will be destroyed. The applicant should realize that this is not a resume service and that the application will be submitted to the prospective employer exactly as submitted (i.e. the submitted form will be photocopied, then sent to the prospective employer). All information submitted will be held in strict confidence.

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WE'RE GOING OUT WITH A SPLASH!!!



After 19+ years as the editorial team of the *ASP Newsletter*, it is time to hang up our hats. Barbara and I have enjoyed our time as Editor and Editorial Assistant, but our "regular" jobs have become more of a challenge in the last several years. In addition, family demands have increased significantly. Therefore, we have decided to pass the baton to someone who will be able to enjoy the task. Renuka Misra, Ph.D., who so admirably helped to organize this year's annual meeting, has agreed to become the new editor.

We would like to thank the many individuals who provide us with the information for the Newsletter, and ask that you continue to support the *ASP Newsletter* by sending your information to Renuka Misra (see back panel for information). We have enjoyed our tenure as the *ASP Newsletter* Editorial Team, and wish Renuka and her team as pleasant a tenure as our has been.

The orange color is NOT the new color for ASP -- we just wanted to get your attention!!

Joy and Barbara



Research Achievement Award

The American Society of Pharmacognosy selects a recipient for the ASP Research Award annually. Candidates must be members of the Society who have made outstanding contributions to research on natural products. The award consists of an honorarium of \$2,500 and travel expenses to present the award lecture at an annual meeting of the Society.

Previous winners are:

- 1985 - Koji Nakanishi
- 1988 - Heinz G. Floss
- 1989 - Kenneth L. Rinehart
- 1990 - Monroe E. Wall
- 1991 - S. William Pelletier
- 1992 - Henry Rapoport
- 1993 - A. Ian Scott
- 1994 - Paul J. Scheuer
- 1995 - George Robert Pettit
- 1996 - Meinhart H. Zenk
- 1997 - John W. Daly
- 1998 - Sidney Hecht
- 1999 - David G. I. Kingston
- 2000 - C. Richard Hutchinson
- 2001 - Tom Mabry
- 2002 - Richard Moore

Nominations for the 2003 Research Achievement Award are to be forwarded to the Chairman of the Research

P.S. Payment of a debt owed:



ASP Scribe

The ASP scribe is Bill Keller. His performance has truly been stellar. The stories he files have brought us big smiles and makes us a number one seller!

Achievement Award Committee and should consist of a nominating letter, a *curriculum vitae* of the candidate, and letters from three individuals who are familiar with the candidate's scientific accomplishments. Nomination documents should be submitted **in triplicate** to:

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Membership in the American Society of Pharmacognosy is recognized in several categories:

Full Membership

Full membership is open to any scientist interested in the study of natural products. Dues are \$35.00 per year. In order to receive the *Journal of Natural Products* the subscription rates are as follows: United States, Canada, and Mexico: \$74 (Print edition), \$50 (Web edition), \$124 (Both Print and Web); All other countries: \$112 (Print edition), \$50 (Web edition), \$162 (Both Print and Web).

Associate Membership

Associate membership is open to students of pharmacognosy and allied fields only. These members are not accorded voting privileges. Dues are \$20.00 per year. In order to receive the *Journal of Natural Products* the subscription rates are as follows: United States, Canada, and Mexico: \$56 (Print edition), \$50 (Web edition), \$106 (Both Print and Web); All other countries: \$94 (Print edition), \$50 (Web edition), \$144 (Both Print and Web).

Emeritus Membership

Emeritus membership is open to retired members of the Society who maintained membership in the Society for at least five years. Dues are \$5.00 per year. These members receive the *ASP Newsletter*. Emeritus members may subscribe to the *Journal of Natural Products* at the Full Member rates.

Honorary Membership

Honorary members are selected by the Executive Committee of the American Society of Pharmacognosy on the basis of meritorious service to pharmacognosy.

Present Honorary Members are:

- Dr. Arnold Brossi, National Institute of Health, MD
- Dr. David P. Carew, University of Iowa
- Dr. Norman R. Farnsworth, University of Illinois
- Dr. R. Hegnauer, Leiden, Netherlands
- Dr. Albert Hofmann, Switzerland
- Dr. S. William Pelletier, University of Georgia
- Dr. James E. Robbers, Purdue University
- Dr. Paul J. Scheuer, University of Hawaii
- Dr. E. John Staba, University of Minnesota
- Dr. Hildebert Wagner, University of Munich
- Dr. Mansukh Wani, Research Triangle Institute, NC

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