



RSA MEMORIAL AWARD HONOREES

You can honor any RSA member with a donation. Funds, which have been generously donated by RSA Members to the Memorial Awards, will be used to fund the awards. The awardees are selected, each year, from students and post-docs that present within symposia at the meeting. If we failed to include a member who has passed away within the past 5 years please let us know.

Dr. Hiromasa Ishii passed away on May 31, 2010. He was a central figure of alcohol research in Japan for many years and a great host who encouraged so many Japanese and other alcohol researchers, particularly in relation to liver pathology and liver disease. Hiro was an RSA member since 1980.

Dr. Muriel Vogel-Sprott passed away September 27, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. She was a researcher in the Department of Psychology, at the University of Waterloo, Canada. Muriel was an RSA member since 1989.

Dr. Fred Risinger passed away on September 19, 2009. An RSA member since 1992, Dr. Risinger was a Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the College of Pharmacy, Idaho State University.

Dr. Julie Staley-Gottschalk lost her courageous battle with cancer on Saturday July 25, 2009. During her twelve-year career at Yale, she touched many lives and contributed greatly to the advancement of science and knowledge in psychiatry. Dr. Staley-Gottschalk had been an RSA member since 2002.

Dr. Charles S. Lieber passed away on March 1, 2009. Dr. Lieber was a founding member of RSA and inspired many to enter the various fields of alcohol research.

Dr. Barbara Flannery passed away suddenly in February, 2009. She was an alcohol researcher at the Research Triangle Institute who was working on an alcoholism treatment study using baclofen. Dr. Flannery had been an RSA member since 2000.

Dr. Ion V. Deaciuc passed away on June 25, 2008 of pancreatic cancer. He was very well known in the area of alcoholic liver diseases research and was a long time member of RSA and ISBRA.

Dr. James W. Smith passed away in November, 2007, after a lengthy illness. During his 47 distinguished years at Schick Shadel Hospital, he established himself as a pioneer in the field of addiction medicine.

Dr. Maharaj Ticku passed away in November, 2007, after a tragic choking accident while dining with friends. He was a researcher at the University of Texas HSC - San Antonio since 1978. His research interests included the genetics of brain chemicals and understanding the effects of narcotics and alcohol abuse on the brain.

Dr. Jack H. Mendelson passed away in August, 2007, after a brief illness. Dr. Mendelson was active in alcohol research for many years and received the Jellinek Award in 1978 and RSA Distinguished Researcher Award in 1989. Additionally, from 1984-1991, he was Editor of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol.

Dr. Frank Holloway passed away in October, 2006. Frank was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in late August, but was able to take a planned family cruise to Alaska before beginning chemotherapy upon his return. Dr. Holloway's contributions in understanding the behavioral pharmacology of alcohol and his attentive training of students in alcohol research will be felt for years.

Dr. Henri Begleiter passed away in April, 2006. Dr. Begleiter was a beloved member of our research society, a distinguished and inspiring scientist, and a mentor and dear friend to so many of us. His loss has been deeply felt throughout the scientific community. See ACER issue October, 2006.

Dr. Remi Cadoret passed away in December, 2005 from prostate cancer. He was a pioneer in adoption studies and in examining gene x environment interactions related to the risk for developing alcohol and substance abuse.

Dr. Ann-Marie Wall, an RSA member from York University in Toronto, Canada passed away in early December, 2005 from "Rapid Viral Pneumonia". Dr. Wall has attended the RSA Meeting for the past several years and was instrumental in securing funding for students and post-docs from Canada to attend our meeting.

Dr. Marcus Rothschild, a long-time member of RSA, as well as the Editor of Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research for 19 years (1979-1998), passed away in December, 2005. Dr. Rothschild's general medical specialty was internal medicine, and his subspecialty was nuclear medicine. See ACER issue June, 2006.

Dr. Edith Lisansky Gomberg passed away in January, 2005. She was a questioning and iconoclastic achiever and a role model to all who knew her. A pioneer in the study of alcoholism, she served on the faculties of Yale, Rutgers and the Universities of Puerto Rico and Michigan. See ACER issue February, 2006.