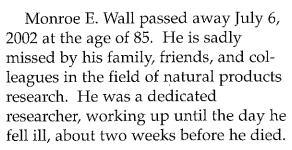


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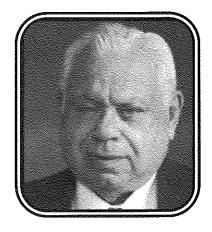


Monroe received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. from Rutgers University. Rutgers honors him on a biennial basis with the Monroe Wall Symposium, which took place recently in conjunction with the ASP annual meeting last month in New Brunswick.

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 Camtothecin[™] 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.ope- uex.com/50congressmedicinalplantresearch>.

September 16-18 - Istanbul, Turkey. 3rd
International Research Symposium on
Pharmaceutics. Contact information:
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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@mailer.uni-marburg.de Website: http://www.lignans.de

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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

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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).

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Dr. Hildebert Wagner, University of Munich

Dr. Mansukh Wani, Research Triangle Institute, NC

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