Obituary

Claude Kordon died on 2nd June after a lifetime of immense contributions to research, teaching and promotion of *Neuroendocrinology*. This journal benefited enormously from his custodianship as Editor-in-Chief from 1994 to 2005, following in the footsteps of other pioneers like E. Bajusz, K.-M. Knigge, W.F. Ganong and S.M. McCann. Claude dedicated himself to making *Neuroendocrinology* the prime vehicle for communicating advances in the field. In this endeavor, he accomplished major milestones, which include full automation of the review process which resulted in a substantial reduction in average time of manuscript evaluation and processing, rapid advanced on-line publication, establishing low-priced electronic subscriptions for society members, and publication of color figures free of charge. But most importantly, Claude was an ambassador for promoting *Neuroendocrinology* internationally. He ensured that the journal had a truly eclectic Editorial Board by taking on board representatives from a wide spectrum of European, Far Eastern, Australian and Northern and Southern American countries.

The depth and breadth of his knowledge in neuroendocrinology and his lateral thinking were the foundations of his stewardship of the journal. This is reflected in his solicitation of publications on the new actions of leptin and ghrelin original mouse knock-out models, identification of novel signaling pathways, elaboration of novel peripheral hormone effects on the brain, neuroimmune interactions and submissions on advances in clinical neuroendocrinology and peripheral neuroendocrine tumors.

Claude Kordon (1934–2008)

Even when he became seriously ill, Claude worked tirelessly for the journal. Claude will be sorely missed by the neuroendocrine and broader scientific community and his enormous contributions will long be remembered.

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