In memoriam
Martin Silberberg
1895-1969

Martin Silberberg, Professor emeritus of Pathology died on April 11, 1969 at a time when he was as active as ever in his investigative work. Born October 11, 1895 in Rybnik, a small town then in Upper Silesia, the son of a country physician. He went to the humanistic gymnasium in Breslau and then entered the University as a medical student. He had to interrupt his studies because of military service during World War I. After the war he obtained his M.D. degree in 1921 on the University of Breslau.

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His scientific interest turned to experimental pathology and hematogenesis. In 1933 he emigrated to the University of Halifax, Nova Scotia and in 1937 to the USA. From 1944 till 1959 he was a member of the Department of Pathology, Washington University, St. Louis. His publications are concerned with skeletal growth and aging, hormonal and nutritional factors and the pathogenesis of osteoarthrosis. He also carried out studies on the role of age in carcinogenesis and in leukomogenesis (Gerontologia 6: 91-101 [1962], 8: 140-149 [1963], 11: 179-187 [1965]).

Martin Silberberg was an accomplished cellist and particularly enjoyed chamber music, and also classic literature and history. His former students and colleagues honored his memory by establishing a fund with the purpose of creating a collection related to ‘Art in Medicine’.