Letters From the Editors

In Memoriam

Sadly, you will find in this issue the obituary of an eminent blood banker who was a friend to many of us. Dr. Laurence Marsh contributed immeasurably to the field of immunohematology. His contribution helped to advance the knowledge of blood groups from the few known when he first began working to the complicated field it is today. He was interested in all aspects of our profession, had a wonderful sense of humor, and always lived life to the fullest. He will be missed greatly.

We call your attention to “Those Were the Days” in this issue. It was written by Dr. Marsh just two months prior to his death. It is a wonderfully amusing portrayal of life in the laboratory many years ago, which many of us remember as the “good old days.”

1998 Symposium and Conference

Please note the information on the Symposium to honor the life and works of Dr. Peter Issitt, which will be held on Friday, May 15, 1998 at the Westfield Conference Center in Chantilly, Virginia (near Dulles Airport). The program for this meeting and the 1998 Reference Laboratory Conference, which follows on Saturday and Sunday, can be found in this issue under ANNOUNCEMENTS (see pp. 46–48). You can register or obtain information for both the Symposium and the Conference by sending a copy of the registration form or by calling or faxing Cindy Zimmaro at (215) 451-4904 or (215) 451-2538, respectively.

The speakers at the Symposium have agreed to submit their papers to Immunohematology for publication in the December 1998 issue.

The editors of Immunohematology congratulate Dr. Issitt for his immense contributions to our profession. We are particularly grateful for his many contributions to Immunohematology as an editor and author. It is sad that we will lose his insight in the future, but he leaves us a great legacy in his fourth edition of Applied Blood Group Serology, with an anticipated publication date of April 1998.

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