In Memoriam

Yoshiro Wada (1936-2005)

Dr. Yoshiro Wada (a president of Nagoya City University) passed away on August 22, 2005.

Dr. Wada was born on October 30th, 1936 in Miyagi prefecture. He graduated from Tohoku University School of Medicine in March, 1962 and from Graduate School of Medicine of Tohoku University in March, 1965. He has specialized in Pediatrics especially in Inborn Error of Metabolism including nucleic and amino acid metabolic abnormalities. Dr. Wada was not only an excellent pediatrician but also an outstanding pediatric researcher. His scientific work was clearly of a very high caliber. Dr. Wada had an outstanding sense of scientific approach and reported the first case with valinemia in the world.

Dr. Wada arrived as a professor of Pediatrics at Nagoya City University Medical School in June, 1977. His immense contribution to the members of Pediatrics came from his ability to move people and projects along, propelled by his incredible enthusiasm and assisted by a vast network of friends around the world. For many years, he was a prominent figure in organizing international and domestic meetings of Pediatrics. He was one of the most prominent Pediatricians in the field of Inborn Error of Metabolism, especially in nucleic and amino acid metabolic abnormalities and contributed immensely to the understanding and the development of the novel treatment of these diseases.

Dr. Wada worked as a director of the Nagoya City University Hospital from April, 1995 for 2 years and as a dean of Nagoya City University Medical School from April, 1997 for 3 years. In the year of 2000, he was elected as a President of Nagoya City University and contributed to the vast development of the university. His enthusiasm to drastic reform of the university was indeed incredible, which no one else could make it.

Thus, Dr. Wada’s contributions to Pediatric Medicine, especially in Inborn Error of Metabolism, and to the university development are varied and prominent. Many were connected with his enthusiastic leadership in the related societies and editorial work with professional journals such as Tohoku Journal of Experimental Medicine. Dr. Wada always held firm to his conviction that Tohoku Journal of Experimental Medicine should represent the highest quality research, that the journal program should be truly representative of all medical disciplines.

A dedicated family person, Dr. Wada was truly supported by his wife Masako. He will also be very much missed by his many friends and colleagues throughout the world.

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