

Preface

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*Where is the life we have lost in living?
Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?
Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?
TS Eliot: The Rock (1934)*

We have the life of *Don Héctor Croxatto* to show us how one can live a full life, acquire knowledge without losing wisdom, and render knowledge in a format that all of us can appreciate: A life well lived, a career serving as a model to all young scientists, and a remarkable legacy "still in progress" that edifies all of us who have embarked on the voyage of discovery.

It has been a pleasure to accept the invitation of the Editor of Biological Research to organize the production of an issue of this journal, dedicated to Professor Héctor R Croxatto on his 90th birthday, after 65 years of continuous contribution to research on the field of vasoactive hormones, and cardiovascular and renal function in health and disease.

We received twenty one articles –from gene structure to therapeutics– from authorities in the field from four continents and nine different countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Japan and the United States of America). We thank all of them for joining us in this scholar task.

We are aware that –given the broad spectrum of Dr Croxatto's work– many potential contributors were not included. However, we decided to narrow the scope of contributions to give thematic unity to the issue, addressed to research on hypertension, renal hormones, autacoids and kallikrein system.

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Prof Héctor R Croxatto and Viola, his wife and long-life unconditional assistant, working on a manuscript. Dr Carlos Vio caught them by surprise in this photograph, taken at Prof Croxatto's office in the Department of Physiological Sciences, Catholic University of Chile, on a Saturday morning June 1996.

ADDENDUM:

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