

Prof Jorge Mardones, MD, Founding Editor of this journal



When this issue was about to be sent to the press, we heard the sad news of the decease of Prof Jorge Mardones, on 3 November 1998, in Santiago, Chile.

Prof Mardones was the first editor of "*Archivos de Biología y Medicina Experimentales*", the former name of this journal, when most of its articles were written in Spanish. He served as Chief Editor from 1964 to 1978.

Prof Mardones was the keystone of this journal during the above period. He organized, shaped and administered the journal with strong willingness and selfless devotion. He made the final editing of each manuscript submitted and took personal care of the printed version of each issue.

Prof Mardones was able to perform the editing of this journal while continuing a successful career as a scientific researcher and teacher in pharmacology, a sound advisor for his group of young associates and postgraduate students, and a leader of the Chilean biomedical community.

The Editorial Board of BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH expresses its condolences to his family, his friends and all the institutions which were enriched by their association with Prof Jorge Mardones.

