



Editorial

Introduction to the Robert Bittman Memorial Issue



On 1 October 2014 **Robert Bittman**, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Queens College, City University of New York, passed away after an extended battle with cancer. Throughout his career at Queens College, spanning 48 years in a position of Professor, Bob had been not only an outstanding scientist working in the general area of lipids, but also a major collaborator and supporter of other scientists and a colleague of special character. He further demonstrated an attitude for the development of students' scientific nature and careers that was truly exceptional. In this light, it is most fitting that we recognize Bob for his major contributions to his discipline and those who have participated with him and continue with his dedication to excellence.

Since Bob was a regular contributor to publications in *Chemistry and Physics of Lipids*, a journal for which he also served as an excellent referee, we have felt that it was entirely appropriate that a memorial issue be dedicated to his memory. It consists of

18 papers, from laboratories around the world, including Finland, Canada, Japan, France, Denmark, Austria, United States, Germany, Hungary, India, Spain, Israel, and the United Kingdom. Several of the papers include Bob as a co-author. The articles presented here exemplify Bob's dedication to excellence in research in the area of lipids, and all that he did.

We hope that this memorial issue serves as an inspiration to young and upcoming scientists to proceed in their own work with the care, dedication, and inspiration that Bob expounded.

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