



Dear colleagues,

It is with immense sadness that we share with the International Association of Inflammatory Societies (IAIS) and Inflammation Research community that Michel Chignard passed away on January 24th, 2019. He was Member of the IAIS Steering Committee (1991) and Officer (1997-2004). He has been one of the most dynamic GREMI (*Groupe de Recherche et d'Étude des Médiateurs de l'Inflammation - French Inflammation Society*) presidents, leading the group from 2002 until 2015. Michel organized several One-Day GREMI meetings at the Pasteur Institute, the 3rd International Congress on Inflammation (Paris 1984), he was also President of the 4th World Congress of Inflammation (Paris 1999) and 10th World Congress of Inflammation (Paris 2011).

Throughout his career, he has worked on inflammation mechanisms, his main research interests included hemostasis and pulmonary infection. He made outstanding contributions on mechanisms of platelet aggregation and PAF-acether synthesis, as well as on the role of Toll-like receptors in innate defense of the lungs.

He obtained his PhD from the Strasbourg University in 1977. He has been a Researcher at Pasteur Institute from 1977-1982; visiting scientist at Temple University School of Medicine, (Philadelphia, 1985-1986) and Director of an INSERM unit at Pasteur Institute (Paris, 1987-2014). He was appointed to the position of Emeritus Research Director at INSERM in 2014.

Michel has inspired many students to pursue careers in inflammation research. He was an extraordinary mentor to numerous PhD students and postdoctoral fellows, who were fortunate enough to join his lab. He was also a role model for many, a talented and gifted collaborator.

His exceptional scientific input, his generosity, and his great sense of humor will be dearly missed.

Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

The GREMI executive board (Nathalie Vergnolle, Véronique Witko-Sarsat, Vincent Lagente, Mustapha Si-Tahar, Emmanuel Letavernier and Xavier Norel)



Michel and GREMI executive board at WCI 1999



Michel at WCI 2011 - Paris



Michel and GREMI members at WCI 2011 Paris

