

## IN MEMORIAM

### Dr. Louis V. Avioli, 1931–1999

Dr. Louis V. Avioli (1931–1999) was the Shoenberg Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Bone and Mineral Diseases at Washington University School of Medicine. He pioneered the field of osteobiology and was founder of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, its flagship organization. Dr. Avioli was a prolific writer. He published in excess of 300 peer-reviewed papers and edited many books, including the classic Avioli and Krane, *Metabolic Bone Disease*. For many years Dr. Avioli served as Editor-in-Chief of *Calcified Tissue International*.

As excellent a scientist as Dr. Avioli was, he will be remembered most for his mentoring. He trained more than 150 fellows, many of whom hold senior positions at universities worldwide. The Avioli theme, passed on to each of these devoted individuals, is that the success of the student is more important than that of the mentor. He was thus able to establish a premier program in clinical and basic osteobiology within his university, encompassing senior and junior faculty representing various departments.

Dr. Avioli was a warm man, of high standards, who loved life. His many colleagues, each a member of his extended family, will miss him.



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