

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

## In Memory: Dr. Edward Bresnick



Last winter, we lost a valued friend and former colleague with the passing of Edward Bresnick. Dr. Bresnick's contributions to biomedical research and education were far reaching and included the establishment of priorities that continue to be key to the future of research.

His contributions were as personal as they were professional. Those of us who knew him

saw him as a loveable man with not only a high level of intelligence and integrity, but also as someone who could cut to the chase with charm and without offending—he was a man who did not believe in hypocrisy.

He was an outstanding scientist who distinguished himself as chair of the basic science departments at four medical schools—Medical College of Georgia, the University of Vermont College of Medicine, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and Dartmouth Medical School. In an exemplary manner, he served as Director of the Eppley Institute for Research in

Cancer and Allied Diseases at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center of Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. As Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Ed Bresnick's vision and dedication to the highest standards of excellence were instrumental in expansion of basic science and clinical research initiatives. Under his leadership, the research programs at these academic and research institutions advanced significantly in national prominence.

Ed's impact on national science policy was significant. As President of the American Association for Cancer Research and chair of key advisory boards, he played a pivotal role in establishing priorities for cancer research and treatment.

Throughout his career, Edward Bresnick achieved distinction as a mentor. His insightful and thoughtful counsel has been immeasurably important to scientists and physician investigators throughout the world. He inspired the quest for novel concepts and experimental approaches beyond conventional boundaries. He equated challenge with opportunity and his legacy includes researchers throughout the scientific community who are beneficiaries of the role model he provided for commitment to rigorous pursuit of discovery without compromising collegiality. We will miss him greatly.

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