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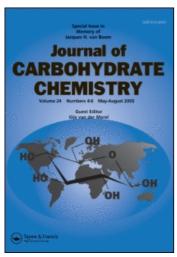
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IN MEMORIAM

## Dr. Akira Hasegawa

Dr. Akira Hasegawa, Professor in the Department of Applied Bio-Organic Chemistry at Gifu University, Gifu, Japan and a Regional Editor for the *Journal of Carbohydrate Chemistry*, passed away at the age of 62 in Japan on October 10, 1996. He is survived by his wife Noriyo and son Takehiko. Akira Hasegawa was one of the world's most outstanding and prolific carbohydrate chemists. To those who knew him personally he was a man of great joy, loyalty and generosity. Dr. Hasegawa's scientific career began with completion of a B.S. degree from Gifu University in 1957. He earned both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Kyoto University where he stayed two additional years as a Research Associate with Professor Minoru Nakajima. Dr. Hasegawa then worked three years with Professor H. Zable at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, USA before returning to Gifu University in 1969 where he was named as an Associate Professor and where he would develop and maintain an outstanding research group for the next twenty seven years.

Akira Hasegawa had a love of history and the world, a love which he fulfilled by traveling. His travels also brought him closer to many scientific colleagues around the world with whom he collaborated and maintained close friendships. Over the years he spent time as a visiting scientist at Purdue University (R. L. Whistler), the National Institutes of Health (H. G. Fletcher, Jr.), University of Paris (S. Czernecki), University of Konstanz (R. R. Schmidt), and most recently at Virginia Commonwealth University (R. K. Yu).

Dr. Hasegawa was very active in the scientific community in Japan and served as a member of the Councilor and Inspector Boards, Japanese Society of Carbohydrate Research; Councilor Board, Japan Society for Bioscience, Biotechnology and Agrochemistry; the Director Board, Japan Society for Bioscience, Biotechnology, and Agrochemistry.

Scientifically, Dr. Hasegawa leaves a legacy of 350 published papers, 19 books and numerous patents. Akira Hasegawa received numerous awards for his scientific endeavors. Recently his outstanding contribution to basic bioscience research was recognized in Japan in 1995 when he was awarded the Japanese Bioscience, Biotechnology and Agrochemistry Society Senior Scientist Award for his work on "systematic synthesis and molecular analysis of the biologically functional glycoconjugates, and application as indispensable probes for the life sciences".

Dr. Akira Hasegawa will be missed as an outstanding and inspiring teacher of some 200 former research students, as a scientist whose work was creatively crafted and superbly

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executed, as a colleague whose wisdom and experience were so valued, and finally as a friend whose honesty, loyalty and positive attitude to life made one the better just by knowing him.

In remembrance of Akira Hasegawa a memorial issue of the *Journal of Carbohydrate Chemistry* is being planned to celebrate his distinguished scientific career. Those interested in contributing to that issue are directed to the Announcements on the following page.

Donald E. Kiely Editor