



## IN HONOUR OF THE RETIREMENT OF PROFESSOR ANDRÉ CAVÉ



PROFESSOR A. CAVÉ

André Cavé's contribution to the field of bioactive molecules from plant origins started more than 40 years ago. After getting his pharmacy degree at the Faculté de Pharmacie in Paris, he joined Janot's group, for his PhD thesis under Goutarel's leadership, at Gif-sur-Yvette. Then shortly after his PhD and a few years as professor of pharmacognosy in Besançon, he was one of the co-creators of the Faculté de Pharmacie de l'Université Paris-Sud in Châtenay-Malabry (one of the largest Faculties of Pharmacy in Europe today), where he remained since then. His major contributions to plant science have been concerned with: amino-steroids of the Apocynaceae, isoquinoline alkaloids of the Annonaceae, bioactive secondary plant metabolites of several origins, and more recently acetogenins of the Annonaceae. He has published over 350 research papers, written several chapters in books, and given many conferences worldwide. He held several patents in the field, and he is the main inventor

of a phytopharmaceutical drug. As a professor at Université Paris-Sud-Faculté de Pharmacie, he is the director of the Pharmacognosy Department, and supervised around 55 research students during their PhD theses. He was a very active member of many scientific committees such as the Conseil National des Universités (CNU), the Institut Français de Recherche Scientifique pour le Développement en Coopération (ORSTOM) and the Comité National du Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), the most important research institution in France.

André Cavé is an outstanding scientist, who kept during his career the same enthusiasm for research. He always paid attention to the youngest collaborators or students, being a bright "discoverer of new talents", and his open office does not signify any "claustrophobic" feeling but a real open mind!

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