

EDITORIAL NOTE

This issue editorial is dedicated to Dr Elsa Reiner to honour her important contribution to *Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology*, whose Advisory Board member she was from 1990 to the day she passed away on 5 July 2011.

Elsa Reiner was one of the key figures for the journal's success. She saw it through the thick and thin and gave her hand as an associate editor when it was the most needed between 2003 and 2007. She also acted as a guest editor of an *Archives* issue dedicated to the EUROTOX 2006 Congress held in Cavtat, Croatia. Her dedication and confidence in *Archives* were crowned by our recognition by the ISI and this year's first impact factor of 0.826. When the news reached her, we were still hoping that she would recover.

Her research was primarily directed toward two groups of esterases: cholinesterases and paraoxonases

and their mechanisms of interaction with substrates and inhibitors. Part of her interest included monitoring and distribution of organochlorine compounds in humans and in the environment.

All of us who were fortunate to work with Elsa Reiner remember her as a brilliant scientist and a unique caring and insightful human being. She was persistent and meticulous, yet equally supportive and encouraging. Her hard work in science until her passing earned her deep respect that she enjoyed worldwide. She was a true Croatian ambassador of science, who never hesitated to show her love of her country. We will remember and greatly miss her for her tremendous enthusiasm, strive for excellence, and selfless support.

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