Alexander (Alex) Livingston. B.Sc, B.Vet. Med., Ph.D., FRCVS, Dip ECVPT. (1940-2014)

Dr Alex Livingston graduated from London University in 1962. He gained his veterinary degree and MRCVS in 1964 and a PhD from Bristol University in 1968. He then joined Professor Heller's Department of Pharmacology in Bristol as a lecturer, and then, under Prof Mitchell, became a Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Pharmacology. For nearly twenty years Alex played a major part in a memorable and highly popular course in Veterinary Pharmacology for countless students. In addition, Alex ran an active and well regarded research group which, amongst other things, focussed on the pharmacology of pain in animals.

In 1991 Alex became acting head of the Bristol Department and, shortly after this he moved to Canada with his family and became Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan from 1992–2002. He then returned to the Dept. of Veterinary Sciences and to an active research programme even beyond his retirement in 2007.

During his career Alex supervised 15 research students, published over 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals and produced well over 20 book chapters.

In addition to his fine research and teaching achievements, Alex will be fondly remembered by all his colleagues and students for his kindness, thoughtfulness, high intelligence and for his very great sense of humour. He had a wealth of great animal and human stories with which he brightened up off-duty moments. Also, he was particularly adept at generating the most elaborate and hair-raising practical jokes which kept all his colleagues, and especially one of his Dept. Heads, very much on their toes!

Alex will be greatly missed by his family and by his many good friends, colleagues and grateful students.

Professor James Mitchell