

**Professor Roger Wadsworth
1946–2013**

One of our long-standing members, Professor Roger Wadsworth, died last Monday, only a short time after being diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour, and even more sadly, only 10 months after retiring.



Roger will be remembered for his numerous contributions, mostly to cardiovascular pharmacology and physiology, but with the occasional sortie into other territories, such as male reproductive physiology and pharmacology, with extensive studies on the vas deferens; this will constitute his scientific legacy, resulting in more than 130 papers in the literature.

The other major aspect of his legacy, also partly immortalised in the scientific literature, are the 36 PhD students, 7 postdocs and 3 MDs who benefitted from his meticulous training, and caring and thorough supervision; many of these individuals progressed to highly successful independent careers, both in academia and in industry, serving to perpetuate Roger's approach to science and his methods of mentoring and supervision. As with his science and supervision of graduate students, his work as a teacher/tutor was equally meticulous, always caring, always paying attention to detail, and acting as an example to the rest of us. These qualities of Roger were brought home very clearly at his retirement symposium, only last September, when many of his graduate students demonstrated so clearly Roger's influence on their careers and development.

On a personal level, we shall always remember him as a fun-loving teacher, with a fondness of interesting beers (some of which were home-made!) and many happy evenings in a variety of pubs, whether local or associated with scientific meetings. Pubs and science, well, at least the science that I know, are essentially inseparable, and the pub outings were a vital component of Roger's approach to bonding his research group. All of these things, together with his characteristic smile, will form my everlasting memories of an old friend and long-standing colleague. Our thoughts are with his family, especially his wife Moira, his children Anna and Colin and his grandchildren.

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