



HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY PAUL M. VANHOUTTE

The 70th birthday of Professor Paul M. Vanhoutte, pictured above with his wife, Jacqueline, was recently celebrated at the Fourth Scientific Meeting of the Asian Society for Vascular Biology (ASVB) in Hong Kong. The ASVB meeting was held at the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong SAR, China from November 20-21, 2010. An excellent scientific program, including oral presentations, poster sessions and the Servier Young Investigator Competition, was presented. This was followed by a special Paul M. Vanhoutte Research Symposium. The organizing committee was made up of Professor Yu Huang, Chinese University of Hong Kong; Professor David D. Ku, University of Alabama at Birmingham; and Professor Ricky Y.K. Man, University of Hong Kong.

Leading experts in vascular biology and pharmacology from Europe, Asia and North America attended the conference to honor the contributions of Paul Vanhoutte. The special symposium featured many former students and fellows of Professor Vanhoutte. Besides describing exciting new scientific discoveries, many of the participants emphasized the qualities of Professor Vanhoutte that make him such a successful mentor. These include his strong commitment to each trainee, high scientific standards, unwavering kindness, the gift of making scientific research fun and exciting, and lifelong friendship. It is hoped that some of the material presented at this symposium will make its way into a new edition of “PMV: Quotes, Jokes and Thoughts”.

Besides his many scientific, academic and industrial accomplishments, Professor Vanhoutte has been a stalwart supporter of IUPHAR through much of his career. Professor Vanhoutte chaired the IUPHAR Committee on Receptor Nomenclature and Drug Classification for 10 years (1989-1998). In 1998 he was elected Secretary-General of IUPHAR. In 2002 he became President of IUPHAR and served as Past President from 2006-2010. Thus Professor Vanhoutte provided invaluable service to IUPHAR for more than 20 years. It is a measure of the man that this service continues today, as Chair of the IUPHAR Nominating Committee.

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Professor Paul M. Vanhoutte pictured here with some of his former trainees