



***In memory of Dr. Hugo Maccioni***  
(17 January 1941 – 9 March 2022)



THE PAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR  
BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

A giant of Latin American Science passed away earlier this year. Dr. Hugo Maccioni, a renowned Argentinian biochemist, beloved mentor and strongest supporter of PABMB and of Latin American biological sciences in general left us on March 9th.

Hugo graduated in Biochemistry in 1963 and completed his PhD in Neurochemistry in 1968 at the Faculty of Chemical Sciences of the National University of Cordoba (Argentina). In 1978 he became full Professor of Biochemistry at the same Faculty.

His visionary spirit, energy and teamwork guided the development of Molecular Biology and Cell Biology at the National University of Cordoba.

As a researcher he investigated the metabolism of glycosphingolipids and the cellular and molecular bases of intracellular traffic of membrane proteins in higher eukaryotes. His seminal studies were published in more than 100 scientific articles and reviews.

Hugo received many prizes and awards, including the Bernardo Houssay prize for outstanding work in Experimental Biology (from the Argentine Society of Biology 2001), he was elected member of the National Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences (2005) and was an International Research Scholar of the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute (1997-2001; 2002-2007).

Hugo was President of the Sociedad Argentina de Investigación Bioquímica (SAIBBM, 1987-1989), of the Sociedad Argentina de Neuroquímica (SAN, 1994-1995), of the Academia de Ciencias Médicas (2009-2010) and also President of the Pan-American Association for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (PABMB, 2014-2017).

Dr. Maccioni will be remembered as a most honorable, wise and kind person. His generous and constant dedication to the PABMB strengthened the relationships with other regional and international Societies. We will always remember, love and be grateful to Hugo for all he did for Latin American Science and especially for the PABMB.