Ashburnham Close, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 3NB. Mr Bastow registered in 1958 and was formerly a community pharmacist in Chichester. Service of thanksgiving: Chichester Cathedral, 22 September 2012, 10am.


Simmonds On 28 July 2012, Geoffrey Lionel Simmonds, aged 82, of 14 Stanmore Hall, Wood Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4JY. Mr Simmonds registered in 1956 and retired from the Register in 2007.

Musson was formerly a community pharmacist in Chichester, West Sussex. He was born in 1937 and registered in 1956. He was a long-time member of the local Pharmaceutical Society and served in various capacities within the Society, NHS and retail pharmacy. He was known for his dedication to his profession and his contributions to the local community. He retired in 1996 and passed away in 2012.

Brian Eggleston was born in 1936 and registered in 1957. He was a well-known pharmacist in Cowdenbeath and played an active role in the local club, with a particular interest in international football. He passed away in 2012.

Ton received his Officer Order of the British Empire in 2006 and was a long-time member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. He served in various capacities within the Society, including as Secretary of FIP and the World Health Organization. He was known for his contributions to the pharmaceutical profession and his dedication to public service. He passed away in 2012.

The standing of FIP is now at its highest within the World Health Organization and other international bodies and this is largely due to Ton's character, abilities and skills. He was an industrial pharmacist with a PhD in chemical engineering and had a long-standing commitment to public service, which he fulfilled through his work at the World Health Organization and other organisations. He was also a dedicated sportsman, with a particular interest in football, and was the driving force behind the establishment of Cowdenbeath Football Club.

I remember quite vividly speaking to Ton, who introduced himself as an industrial pharmacist working in the Netherlands. It struck me as somewhat unusual that an industrial pharmacist would be interested in such a position, but on hearing that Ton had been president of the Students’ Union when he was at university, my attention was immediately riveted. The selection process did proceed and in due course Ton was appointed, being by far the outstanding candidate.

On taking up his appointment Ton soon identified the shortcomings of FIP as it then stood and he set about renovating the whole manner in which the organisation had been running. He introduced many new systems and generally overhauled the structures and means of working to bring it into line with modern working practices.

Ton had a wonderful sense of humour and one which he used in many different ways. He had a unique way of using his personal skills, intellect and humour and often he was able to defuse a potentially difficult situation as only he could, using that humour to good effect. Being the CEO of what is primarily a volunteer organisation brings all sorts of problems. Inevitably there is a good scattering of prima donnas among the bureau, boards, sections and other organs within FIP, and Ton’s sense of humour was invaluable in handling the associated difficulties.

The standing of FIP is now at its highest within the World Health Organization and other international bodies and this is largely due to Ton’s character, abilities and skills. He was almost single-handedly responsible for the establishment of the World Health Professions Alliance, an organisation of which he was particularly proud.

Just 10 days before his death I had the great pleasure and privilege of being present when Ton received his Officer Order of the Orange-Nassau Royal Award for his services to FIP.
from the mayor of his home town of Huizen on behalf of the Queen of the Netherlands. Ton was in tremendous form and, on rising to acknowledge the award, started by greeting everyone and then asked the audience for a decision; we wondered what was coming. He then said that he had two speeches prepared and if we wanted the short one then he would stand at one microphone but if we wanted the long version he would sit down at the other microphone. Ton then immediately sat down without waiting for a response. Great laughter, wonderful humour and so it was throughout his speech.

Wijnandien, Suzanne and Lauren's, our thoughts are with you and the whole family. Thank you for nurturing such a wonderful man.

Macfarlane In a tribute to the late Calum Brechin Macfarlane (PJ, 18/25 August 2012, p212), SANDY FLORENCE writes: Calum Macfarlane, a fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, was for the greater part of his career an industrial pharmacist, latterly as senior vice-president of Syntex. He was fortunate in being able to spend a large part of his career in his native Scotland. I first met him when I joined the research group of Peter Elworthy in 1962, almost 50 years ago to the day. We remained good friends over the years when I stayed in academia and he moved to industry, but we refrained from discussing our respective salaries around 1972. Calum was born in Dundee in 1937, the son of community pharmacist Charles Macfarlane, a former member of the Society’s Council. He was educated at Dundee High School and, before embarking on his chosen degree, he spent a two-year apprenticeship in his father’s pharmacy. In 1956 he began his apprenticeship in his father’s pharmacy, he and his wife Mary, just married, spent a year in an academic environment quite different from that in the UK, preparing all the solutions and materials for laboratory classes himself, as he often reminded his well supported academic colleagues back home in Glasgow. In 1968 he, Peter Elworthy and I collaborated in writing ‘Solubilization by surface active agents’. Leaving Strathclyde for industry in 1970, Calum’s first post was as manager of pharmaceutical development at the Lilly Research Laboratories in Surrey. In 1976 the opportunity arose to work in Scotland for Syntex Research at the Heriot-Watt University Campus in Edinburgh. In his time there he oversaw the growth of the Scottish enterprise, finally achieving a large new facility on campus. When Syntex was bought by Roche, Scotland lost this research base. He watched ruefully the continuing takeovers and mergers in the UK and Europe which inevitably led to closures of facilities and the loss of talent and opportunity and nodes of invention.

As European director of research and development Calum had responsibility for teams of scientists based at the Syntex research centres in Edinburgh and Paris and, in 1991, he had added to his portfolio the company’s global pharmaceutical development groups based in Palo Alto, California. He held visiting professorships at Heriot-Watt and at Strathclyde universities and had a teaching appointment at Glasgow University. On retiring from Syntex in 1995 Calum acted as an industrial consultant and became involved in patent defence work. In one case lawyers required the team to reproduce a pharmaceutical product; he was in his element fabricating equipment where necessary, sleeves of his white coat rolled up and enjoying every moment of being “back in the lab” after so many years. The experiments led to a scientific paper with Abdul Basit in the International Journal of Pharmaceutics a few years ago.

The image of the juror scientist and manager who could still sort things out technically is how many will remember Calum. Some physicians and nurses might also remember his hands-on approach in one maternity ward, where Mary was ensonced, as he helped to revive a pump which had malfunctioned. He had a commanding voice and presence and in his teaching years students soon became aware of both; late-comers to his lectures would find the door of the theatre locked. This was a lesson he perhaps had learned from our lecturers in Glasgow University at Gilmorehill, where uniformed janitors would not only escort the lecturer to the podium, but also lock the main doors behind them.

Calum loved the outdoors. He inherited from his father a great love of observing nature. Keen on fishing, he pursued this passion around the world. Almost five years ago, he took up Mary’s sport of curling, but was soon ruing the impact of “sweeping” on parts of the ageing human body. He died peacefully at his home in Linlithgow after a short illness and his funeral held on Tuesday 7 August 2012 in Dalmeny Kirk. He is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Gaele, son Angus, daughter-in-law Serena and two grandchildren, to whom we send our condolences.