

Dr. Manuel Rene Malinow 1920-2010

Manuel Rene Malinow was undoubtedly someone who dedicated his life to fighting a disease: atherosclerosis. Unfortunately, he passed away in Oregon, USA, on 20 April this year. He was 90 years old. Dr. Malinow was born in Argentina in 1920, was educated at the *Colegio Nacional de Buenos Aires*, and graduated in 1937. In 1944 he received his medical degree at the University of Buenos Aires. Soon, he joined the Ramos Mejia Hospital in this city to focus on electrocardiography. Later he was Chief of Atherosclerosis Research at the Institute of Cardiology of the National Academy of Medicine, Pombo Rodriguez Foundation, and in 1963 won the same position by contest at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center in the United States. He remained in that position until 2004 and received the honorary title of Senior Scientist, which he held until his death. It would be impossible to mention here the number of honorary positions and scientific papers he published, as they would occupy dozens of

pages. However, it would be enough to mention that he published 490 papers on atherogenesis, lipid lowering therapies - especially on saponins of alfalfa - and years later on homocystein. Some of them were published in *Circulation*, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and the *Journal of Atherosclerosis Research*. He was also one of the mainstays of scientists in the debate about reversibility and attenuation of arterial lesions. His kind heartedness, his balanced intelligence and generosity made him win many friends who now remember Manuel Rene Malinow with particular affection as an exemplary family man, illustrious man of science and serene democrat.

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