

IN MEMORY OF BUN'ICHI TAMAMUSHI (1898-1982)

FOREWORD

With great sadness, Alex Silberberg and I received the news of the death of Professor Bun'ichi Tamamushi on 26 July 1982. This special issue, edited by his friends Syoten Oka and Eiichi Fukada, was originally meant as a Festschrift to celebrate Bun'ichi Tamamushi on his 85th birthday, 18 October 1983. The world of science and, in particular, the science of biorheology lost one of its leaders.

Bun'ichi Tamamushi was a person of great warmth and charm, a highly cultured man, humble, kind and, in the truest sense, a noble man.

It was during the 3. International Congress on Rheology at Bad Oeynhausen, F.R. Germany in 1958, when I first met him, if I am not mistaken. Two years later, I was surprised to meet him in Tokyo together with Syoten Oka after my "Special Lecture" on Hemorheology at the 8. Congress of the International Society on Blood Transfusion, September 1960. This meeting marked the beginning of research on hemorheology in Japan (A.L. Copley, Clin. Hemorheol. 3, 323-325, 1981). I felt privileged and honored in having this extraordinary man and person as a friend. I have many fond memories from the many meetings we had during my five visits in Japan, as well as on many occasions in the United States and in Europe.

Mrs. Renate Tamamushi, his daughter-in-law, wrote me last September that he anticipated with joy the Festschrift to his 85th birthday and that he was glad to be kept informed by his friends in Japan about the progress in the compilation of the contributions in his honor. Mrs. Tamamushi wrote also that his zest for life-'Lebensfreude'-remained in spite of his stroke from which he mira-

culously had recovered. It was a great joy to see him in rather good health during the 4. International Congress of Biorheology in Tokyo in 1981. According to Mrs. Tamamushi, he was "particularly happy during the last days of his life which he spent in his much loved little summer house. There, on a walk, he was struck by his last stroke and the failing of his heart ended peacefully his life".

The Readers of this Memorial Volume will join Alex Silberberg and me in expressing our deeply felt sympathy to the members of the family of our beloved colleague Bun'ichi Tamamushi.

Alex Silberberg and I thank the Authors of this Volume for their fine contributions and our Editors Syoten Oka and Eiichi Fukada for their efforts in this tribute in memory of Bun'ichi Tamamushi.

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