

DUNCAN ALEXANDER GORDON, MD, FRCPC, FACP, MACR, FRCP Edin

Duncan Alexander Gordon passed away on Saturday December 1, 2012.

The Canadian Rheumatology community has held Duncan in great affection as a key figure in the evolution of the specialty, and a proponent for recognition of Canadian achievement in the international arena.

Duncan was born in Sault Ste Marie. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine. After his graduation he studied Internal Medicine at the University of Toronto and McGill. He studied rheumatology and immunology with Dr. John Vaughan at Strong Memorial Hospital at the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York.

Duncan was a consultant in the Rheumatic Disease Unit at the Wellesley Hospital from 1964 to 1974, and the Director of Rheumatology at McMaster University from 1974 to 1976. He was a Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Rheumatology at the Toronto Western Hospital from 1976 until 1991, and remained on staff as a senior rheumatologist until his retirement earlier this year.

Duncan was known internationally as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Rheumatology since 1979. In addition he has been a past President of the Panamerican League of Associations for Rheumatology (PANLAR) from 1990 to 1994. During that term he was also a Vice President of the International League of Associations for Rheumatology (ILAR). Duncan has been named a Master of the American College of Rheumatology, received the Award of Merit of the Arthritis Society in Canada, and was named to the Distinguished Rheumatologist Award of the Canadian Rheumatology Association in 1992. He authored over 250 publications, including over 132 original articles.

Duncan will be deeply missed by his family, friends and colleagues.