

EDITOR'S NOTE

OBITUARY FOR TOSHIO FUJITA (1929 – 2017)

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It is with great sadness that we learned about the passing away of Prof. Toshio Fujita on August 21, 2017, at his home in Kyoto, Japan. Prof. Fujita was a QSAR pioneer, who worked with another legend Prof. Corwin Hansch at the Department of Chemistry, Pomona College, California. The work of Hansch and Fujita paved the foundation of modern QSAR and computer-aided molecular design.

The last affiliation held by Toshio Fujita was a Professor Emeritus position of Bioregulation and Pesticide Chemistry at Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. Prof. Fujita contributed around 260 original papers and 90 review articles in the research fields of Structure-Activity-Relationship of Bioactive Compounds, Design and Mode of Action of Bioactive Compounds. Some of his papers were nominated as "Citation Classics" by the Institute of Scientific Information (Philadelphia, U.S.A.). Prof. Fujita received several awards including the Award for Research Achievement from the Pesticide Science Society of Japan (March 1979), the Award for Research Achievement from the Agricultural Chemical Society of Japan (March 1989), Recognition for Research Performance from the Division of Agrochemicals of the American Chemical Society (August 1992), International Award in Pesticide Chemistry from the American Chemical Society (August 1994).

Prof. Fujita has also remained active in the last few years even at the age above 85. We are honored that, since 2016, Prof. Fujita was a member of Editorial Review Board of *International Journal of Quantitative Structure-Property Relationships* (IJQSPR). He reviewed a few papers published in IJQSPR. Possibly, the last published scientific article authored by Prof. Fujita was in the same journal: "The Application of Classical QSAR to Agrochemical Research", IJQSPR, 2(1), 2017, 1-18, doi:10.4018/IJQSPR.2017010101.

We deeply mourn his loss. May the departed soul rest in peace in heavenly abode.

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