

In memory of Luis Salinas Madrigal

Dr. Salinas began his academic career over 35 years ago as proud graduate of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (1964) and a student of Ruy Perez-Tamayo. He studied renal pathology with Conrad Pirani (1966-67) at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, and pediatric pathology with Ben Landing (1969-70) at the University of Southern California in LA. After 3 years as the director of pathology at the National Institute of Pediatrics, he returned to the United States in 1984 as professor of pathology at St. Louis University, director of Anatomic Pathology at Cardinal Glennon Hospital, and later a director of the Nephropathology Division. His earliest work was in diabetic nephropathy, hypertension, atherosclerosis and pediatric cystic kidney disease. His papers with Conrad Pirani, on the glomerular and vascular lesions of diabetes in the kidney (Am J Pathol 1970;59:369) and the "*Evaluation of percutaneous renal biopsy*" in Pathology Annual (Kidney Pathology Decennial 1966-1975, Appleton Century Crofts, New York, 1975) became classic... As Fred Silva put it, Luis was one of Dr. Pirani's prize protégés!

Luis was fascinated by renal pathology and admired those who taught him, Dr. Pirani in particular. He loved to teach and was fond of all his students, including myself, Roberto Garola, Eugene Taboada, Guillermo Ramon-Garcia and Cherise Cortese, all of who became known renal pathologists in the United States and Mexico. He was indeed a wonderful teacher, who knew all that happened during the development of renal pathology as a distinct pathology specialty. He knew the people and the stories behind, which he charmingly blended with the renal biopsy sign out.

On a personal level he was a gentleman, a scholar, cultured and kind man. Provocative at times, he brought excitement in the discussion, as he was eager to explore the opinions of others. He was deeply religious and believed God loved him and all his family. His faith sustained him during difficult times, made him greet everyday as new, and never lost an opportunity to smile. His devotion to Catholicism did not prevent him from knowing well

about other religions including those of the Incas and the Mayans, the ancient Greeks and Zoroastrians. He was well travelled, and knew the history and politics of South America, Europe (particularly Spain and the Basque country). In one of his travels, according to Fred Silva, Luis serving the Church as a doctor in a philanthropic mission in a war zone, he met his beautiful wife Marianne from Bilbao, Spain, who was also a volunteer in the same mission.

Luis was passionate about the status of renal pathology in South America (Mexico in particular) and he was very excited about the first Renal Pathology Society Satellite Conference to be held in Mexico City in April 16, 2009. He worked behind the scenes to make this meeting a success and attract as many pathologists from South America as possible to attend, present their material and "unite" their experience. He was going to speak on Transplant Glomerulopathy. RPS will dedicate the 6th satellite RPS conference to Luis Salinas-Madrigal and a special seminar is planned to his memory on "the Past, Present and Future of Renal Pathology in South America".

Luis is survived by his wife Marianne, mother of his five wonderful children and seven grandchildren. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to peterhugo5@yahoo.com

Eulogy for Luis will be presented at the RPS dinner in Boston. A fund is opened in his memory for contributions to the RPS ambassadors program. If you like to contribute, please make checks payable to Renal Pathology Society.

Luis Salinas-Madrigal was a mentor and a dear friend to me. He was someone to bounce my thoughts on a case, to ask for nice images for a chapter or presentation. Among others, I have the original pictures he took with Dr. Pirani of hematoxylin bodies in lupus that are no longer seen! I have hundreds of memories to remember him by, his diagnostic acumen, his optimistic smile and his provoking questions. I recently dedicated a review I wrote on the nephrotic syndrome of childhood to Luis (Pediatr Dev Pathol 2008 Jul-Aug;11[4]:154-63). It made him so very happy!

I shall miss him.

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