

OBITUARY



Bennett J. Cohen
1925—1990

PROFESSOR Bennett J. Cohen died on August 23, 1990 at the age of 65. He was a pioneer in the field of laboratory animal science for approximately 40 years. Some of his outstanding contributions include founding and presidency of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) and the Institute for Laboratory Animal Resources in the National Academy of Sciences; establishment of a specialty certification board in laboratory animal medicine as part of the American Veterinary Medical Association; chairmanship of the National Academy of Sciences Committee that wrote the first edition of the document which became the *Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*; recipient of all the major national and international awards in laboratory animal science, such as the Griffin Award (1966) from AALAS, the Charles River Prize (1980) from the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the Muhlbock Award (1990) from the Governing Board of the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science; and founding directorship (1962–85) of the University of Michigan Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine.

For much of the past two decades he was the guiding force in development of the appropriate

use of animal models for research in aging. He was instrumental in the establishment of commercial colonies of aged rodents supported by the National Institute on Aging. He chaired the National Academy of Sciences Committee that wrote *Mammalian Models for Research on Aging*. He served as a member of the Aging Review Committee of the National Institute on Aging, as well as numerous other public and private advisory committees and editorial boards. In the past few years he established the Core Facility for Aging Rodents in his capacity as a faculty member of the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Michigan.

The outstanding professional accomplishments of Ben's career are exceeded only by his gentle dignity, as well as the love and respect by all of us who knew him. It was a privilege to count him as a friend. We shall miss him dearly.

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