

OBITUARY

Alice Kahan, 1928-2003

Born in Bucarest (Romania) where she trained as a Medical Doctor and graduated in 1957, she then emigrated to Paris (1961) where she started a career of Medical Research Investigator joining in 1962 the group of Pr. Florian Delbarre, one of the initiators of Modern Rheumatology in France, who helped her obtaining a permanent position at the prestigious *Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Medicale* (INSERM) (1962). She was an active investigator of molecular mechanisms associated with rheumatoid-related diseases and auto-immune pathological conditions, almost permanently working in Hopital Cochin, Rheumatology Institute, until her retirement from the laboratory bench in 1994. Those years of successful active scientific research were performed in close collaboration with science-oriented rheumatology clinicians such as Charles-Joël Menkes, Bernard Amor and her son André Kahan, as well as Jeannine Charreire and Catherine Fournier, not to mention her technical assistant for years,

Martine Nedelec. She had signed, or co-signed, hundreds of papers and reviews published in many prestigious international journals.

Following her official retirement in 1994, she started a new career as an editorial assistant for the journal *European Cytokine Network*. She worked in close collaboration with Editors in Chief Didier Fradelizi and Jacques Bertoglio who launched this journal in 1990, and with the *John Libbey Eurotext* publishing staff. She was a precious contributor who did an immense job editing the journal. She was always ready to help, always good-humored.

She was a charming lady and we shall miss her terribly and deeply sympathise with her husband and family.

**Her Scientific Colleagues
and ECN Editorial Committee**