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ON THE DEATH OF DEAN AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS AUGUST P. LEMBERGER

Professor and Dean Emeritus August (Gus) P. Lemberger was born in Milwaukee on January 25, 1926 and died in Madison on February 16, 2010. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin in 1948, after having served in the United States Army as a first lieutenant from 1944-1946. In 1952 he received his PhD degree from the University of Wisconsin with a major in pharmacy and a minor in pharmacology. Upon graduation he assumed a position as senior chemist in pharmaceutical research and development at Merck and Company in Rahway, NJ. In 1953 he returned to the University of Wisconsin, School of Pharmacy, as an instructor and rapidly rose to the rank of full professor. In 1965 he also assumed the position of coordinator of extension services in pharmacy and was instrumental in helping to develop a nationally and internationally recognized program of continuing education for practicing pharmacists and industrial pharmaceutical scientists. He continued in these activities until 1969 when he was called by the University of Illinois to be the dean of the College of Pharmacy in Chicago. He served there until 1980, at which time he was invited back to Wisconsin to be the dean of the School of Pharmacy. During his tenure as dean, Professor Lemberger made significant administrative contributions to the School of Pharmacy. Among these are: the creation of a distinguished board of visitors; the launching of a vigorous fund-raising campaign for the new pharmacy building on the west campus, now known as Rennebohm Hall; and the establishment of a new four-year, entry-level professional Doctor of Pharmacy program. He retired from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1991 as professor and dean emeritus.

Professor Lemberger's major research interests were focused on various aspects of the pharmaceutical sciences dealing with the basic scientific principles underlying the physical, chemical and biological properties of drugs that influence the therapeutic effectiveness of drug products. In particular, he was concerned with those fundamental factors that influence the formulation and manufacture of drug products, including the long-term physical and chemical stability of drugs and their ability to be released from the product upon administration to patients in a manner and time frame that would assure therapeutic efficacy. His many research studies included those concerned with the chemical kinetics of drug degradation reactions, release of drugs from dermatologically applied products, the surface chemical properties of phospholipids, and the physical stability of pharmaceutical suspensions. In recognition of his research achievements he was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1970, and the Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science in 1972. In 1989 he was selected as the first Takeru and Aya Higuchi Memorial Lecturer by the Japanese Academy of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology. His strong interest in assuring the quality of pharmaceutical products led to his active involvement from 1985 to 1988 as a member of the board of trustees of the United States Pharmacopeia, the official national standard-setting document for drug product quality.

Throughout his career Professor Lemberger was strongly committed to pharmaceutical education in the classroom, in extension activities and at the national organizational level. He was an outstanding teacher, as evidenced by his receipt in 1957 of the University of Wisconsin Kiekhofer Memorial Teaching Award. Throughout his career Professor Lemberger was very involved in a number of national organizations and committees dedicated to the excellence of pharmaceutical education and the profession of pharmacy. Among his many activities were chairman of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmaceutical Education For Pharmaceutical Education Commission on Graduate Education in the Pharmaceutical Sciences, and member from 1978-1984 of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education, the official accrediting agency for professional pharmaceutical education. For his many years of leadership in educational, scientific and professional affairs, he was honored with the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical

Association Distinguished Service Award, the Presidents Award of the Wisconsin Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Distinguished Citation, and Honorary President of both the American Pharmaceutical Association and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Clearly, as an educator, scientist and administrator, August Lemberger made lasting contributions to his profession, to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and to the many students who benefitted from his strong commitment to their education.

Professor Lemberger is survived by his wife of over 62 years, Charlyne (Young) Lemberger; seven children: Michael Lemberger, Mary Wright, Thomas Lemberger, Terrence Lemberger, Ann Kasten, Kathryn O'Keefe, and Peter Lemberger; and twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who all provided him with much enjoyment and pride. In his spare time he was an avid golfer and bowler, a lover of Babcock ice cream, and a strong Badger fan.

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