



Jubilee of André Nieoullon

Prof André Nieoullon was born on 2nd August 1948 in La Cadière d'Azur, Provence, France. He was awarded the Diploma in Neurophysiology in 1974 at CNRS and University in Marseille, and the degree of Doctor of Science in 1978 at the Collège de France, Paris. He was appointed as director of the Laboratory of Cellular and Physiological Neurobiology in Marseille in 1986. In 1988, he was made a full professor at the Faculty of Science, Université de la Méditerranée-Aix-Marseille II. Twenty PhD and many undergraduate students received excellent laboratory results under his supervision.

Prof Nieoullon has been vice-dean of the Faculty of Sciences at Marseille-Luminy (1991–1997), director of Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs (1996–1997), a member of the UFR Board (1991–2001), a member of the university administration board (1991–1995) and member of many other boards at his University, in France and in the world. Presently he is also the director of the Postgraduate School in Life and Health Sciences for the universities in the region of Marseille, Aix and Avignon. Prof Nieoullon guaranteed several conferences on neurobiology.

The main contribution of his PhD thesis was the first demonstration of an *in vivo* release of dopamine from the dendrites of neurons and evidence of neuro-neuronal interactions between dopaminergic neurons from both sides of the brain for movement control (published in *Nature* and *Science*). His laboratory in Marseille became a reference centre in the neurobiology of Parkinson's disease. The important review of the role of dopamine in the control of attention and cognition, published in *Progress in Neurobiology* (2002) is considered as a reference in this field. Prof Nieoullon published over 120 scientific papers (see Medline), which were cited more than 3500 times. He translated into French and modified "Neurosciences, exploring the brain" written by M.F.Bear et al. (1997, second version 2002). He was many times a reviewer in fifteen important scientific journals. His scientific and organization contributions were awarded several prizes and medals in both France and abroad.

Prof. André Nieoullon enjoys spending holidays climbing in the Alp mountains. At weekends, he can be found at his cottage, in the family vineyard or with a fishing rod on the coast near La Cadière. His wine is the source for one the best wines in Provence.

We wish Prof Nieoullon further successes in his estimable scientific and teaching activities.

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