

## In memoriam to Alan HARVEY

It is with enormous sadness that we report the sudden death, on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, of Alan Harvey, one of the all-time giants in the field of toxinology. Alan made massive contributions to Toxinology, over many decades of research, as a neuroscientist and neuropharmacologist, discovering the class of dendrotoxins and building up the University of Strathclyde as an important academic institution. He was a distinguished past president of IST, long term editor of Toxicon, host of the outstandingly memorable IST Congress in Glasgow in 2006, and joint winner, with André Ménez, of the Redi Award in 2000. He was prominent in the quest for drugs from toxins and, in typical style, enunciated the “Ten Commandments” governing this most challenging of disciplines. Most of all, it was Alan’s “gritty” Scottish personality, his strong opinions, originality, warmth of personality, generosity with advice and ideas, and tremendous sense of humour that made him an irreplaceable member of our scientific community, and a loyal and rewarding friend.

***Penned by David Warrell assisted by Ray Norton (IST) on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020***



*Alan's family have agreed that if you would like to make a donation in memory of Alan, it should be to PEEK, which is a charity working with children and young people in the East End of Glasgow, where he grew up, as well as across Glasgow. Donations can be made here:*

**<https://www.justgiving.com/PossibilitiesForEachandEveryKid>**

*If you would like to leave a note in Alan's memory, that would be welcome (it can be anonymous). You can send condolences directly to Alan's family: Jenny (spouse) Helen and Brian (children) at 9 Victoria Park Corner, Glasgow, G14 9NZ Scotland.*

*Alan's Funeral is likely to be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October and around that date the family will make a formal announcement regarding Alan's sudden death.*