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John A. Schellman, 1924–2014

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Professor John A. Schellman, on December 16th, 2014. John served as the US Editor of Biophysical Chemistry from 1988 through 1995, and made important contributions to the journal through several highly cited publications.

John was born in Philadelphia in 1924 and received a PhD in Theoretical Chemistry from Princeton, where he studied under the guidance of Walter Kauzmann. In 1955, during his postdoctoral work at the Carlsberg Institute led by Linderstrøm-Lang, John published a classic paper on the stability of the α -helix in aqueous solution [C.R. Trav. Lab Carlsberg Ser. Chim., 29 (1955), pp. 230–259]. That was the start of a brilliant career as one of the pioneers of protein chemistry. John's accomplishments have been widely recognized with honors and awards in the US and abroad. A special issue of Biophysical Chemistry (Vol 101–102) was published in his honor in 2002 with many outstanding contributions from his colleagues, friends and former associates.

In addition to being one of the finest minds in the field of biophysical chemistry, John was a true gentleman and an inspiring figure. His enthusiasm for science left an indelible mark on anyone who had the fortune to interact with him. He will be greatly missed as a scientist, educator and friend.

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