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Dear colleagues,

This letter is to communicate the death of Alberto Boveris, Professor Emeritus of Physical Chemistry, at the School of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Alberto's extensive and pioneering scientific work in the field of free radical research was full of major achievements. Among them, the discovery and characterization of the sites of superoxide production in the mitochondria can be considered pivotal for the understanding of the metabolism of oxygen by mammalian cells. His work, mostly developed at the University of Buenos Aires, was reflected in the publication of more than 300 papers, being his review on hydroperoxide metabolism in mammalian organs published in 1979 in *Physiological Reviews* co-authored with Helmut Sies and Britton Chance, a real textbook for many working in the redox biology field.

He was president of our Society for the biennium 2001-2002, and in 2004 chaired the XII SFRRRI Biennial Meeting held in Buenos Aires. He received unaccountable awards and recognitions from Argentinean and international academic organizations. Alberto's formation of disciples, participation in the government of the University of Buenos Aires, and involvement in international affairs allowed many of us to share his deep knowledge of science and academic endeavours.

We lost a great scientist and a friend, with incredible energy to develop multiple actions, including an unmatched sense of friendship.

Jose Vina, Giovanni Mann, Patricia Oteiza and Lin Mantell
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*A full obituaries of Alberto Boveris will be soon published in the SFRRRI affiliated journals

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