

## In Memoriam



### **Lewis Braverman, 1929-2019**

It was a very sad email message that arrived in the morning of June 10, 2019, announcing the passing of Dr. Lewis (Lew) Braverman, Professor at Boston University School of Medicine, Dept of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, former President and Secretary of the American Thyroid Association.

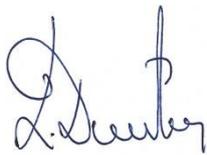
His foremost research interests were thyroid hormone metabolism, the effects of iodine on the thyroid, and thyroid disruptors. In the mid-70s and early 80s, Lew, with an excellent team of fellow scientists in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Mass. USA, produced pioneering work concerning the conversion of T4 to active T3. Among his countless scientific endeavours, of particular importance were his investigations into thyroid dysfunction during pregnancy and postpartum, autoimmune thyroiditis, thyroid cancer, the global problem of iodine deficiency and efforts for its eradication—all of which, along with so much more, have richly contributed to people's health and wellbeing everywhere.

Lew Braverman had an extraordinary career driven by his passion for research and teaching. His huge enthusiasm for scientific investigation was evident from the very beginning of his career and was, inevitably, contagious, inspiring peers and colleagues alike. An exceptional mentor, Lew devoted himself with all his heart to sharing his immense knowledge and expertise with his trainees and with the many colleagues from all over the world who worked with him, whether long-term or short-term, in his laboratory. He frequently attended the Meetings of the European Thyroid Association and had many good friends in Europe.

The loss of Lew Braverman, the distinguished scientist, leaves a vacuum in the global 'thyroid family' and, indeed, among the entire community of endocrinologists, while Lew, the wonderfully fine,

profoundly caring, and deeply committed human being will also be terribly missed—by family, friends, patients...so many. We will miss at our Meetings his relaxed and genial presence and his inimitable subtle sense of humor.

On behalf of the President, the Executive Committee, and all the members of the ETA, I convey our deepest condolences to his beloved wife Mimi, their two sons William and Daniel, and their five grandchildren.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Duntas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Leonidas Duntas  
Secretary of the ETA