Allan H. Conney, Ph.D.

Allan H. Conney, Ph.D., an AACR member for 51 years, died on Sept. 10, 2013, at the age of 83. Conney had established the Department of Chemical Biology in the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy of Rutgers University, in Piscataway, N.J.

Born on March 23, 1930, in Chicago, Ill., Conney graduated from the University of Wisconsin, in Madison. Conney’s research helped to explain the differences in response to drugs between patients by increasing the understanding of the environmental factors that affect metabolism and drug action. Conney contributed to more than 500 publications throughout his career, and was among the most-cited scientists in the world.

Conney was recognized throughout his career with numerous awards, including the AACR G.H.A. Clowes Memorial Award and the AACR-DeWitt S. Goodman Memorial Lectureship. Additionally, he was an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences and served as president of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

Conney first joined the AACR in 1962. He was on the Cancer Prevention Research editorial board at the time of his death, and also served as associate editor of Cancer Research. In addition, he served as co-chair of the Epidemiology and Prevention Awards Selection Committee and was a member of the New Jersey State Legislative Committee. Conney was also a mentor at a grant-writing workshop for associate members.