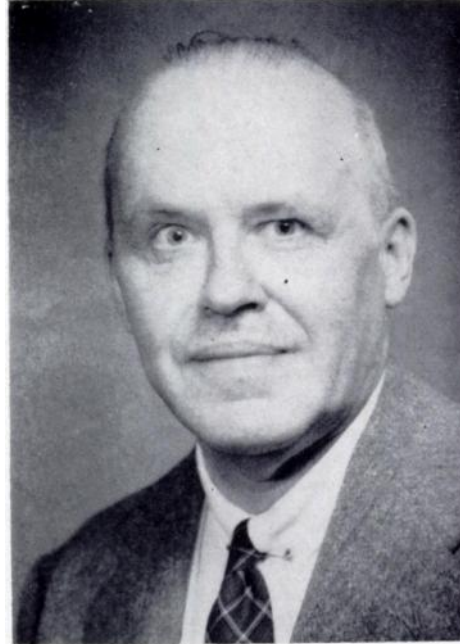


ERIC PONDER, 1898-1970

ERIC PONDER will remain in the history of hematology as the man who best studied, understood and loved the red cell. To it, he dedicated a whole life of work, beginning with his first paper in 1922 until the last in 1969. During those 47 years, he never stopped exchanging ideas on the subject with men of all disciplines who jokingly called him "Mr. Red Cell." They commented to him that he talked about the red cell as if it was a microcosm and the understanding of its nature and particularities would include an understanding of nearly everything else in the cellular world. He answered: "to some extent this is true."



He always followed his own inspiration, more often than not devising his own techniques. This experimental approach was at one and the same time that of basic physiology coupled with a deep awareness of the more involved biophysics and biochemistry.

He became famous among the people who were interested in red cell structure and among the physical chemists. Clinicians respected his works without paying much attention to them. Nowadays they are referring back to his work, many to rediscover what he had perfectly described 20 years ago. The last symposium of the American National Red Cross which was held in Washington in April 1970 was dedicated to his memory. R. I. Weed recalled on this occasion the different stages of his career and recounted the discoveries which we owe to him.¹

After his retirement from the Nassau Hospital in 1962, he remained very active. He settled down in the suburbs of Paris and with his wife Ruth, his life long collaborator, he pursued his favorite subjects at the Institut de Pathologie Cellulaire and in the basement of his own house which he had made into a laboratory. At the end of 1969, he was stricken with severe heart failure and was admitted to the American Hospital in Paris where he died on February 6, 1970.

Nothing characterizes the life and thoughts of Eric Ponder better than the last lines of the preface of his classical book, *Hemolysis and Related Phenomena*.

“In conclusion it is only fair to the reader to warn him that we are at the very limits of our present knowledge both theoretic and experimental, when discussing many of the questions with which these pages are concerned. I shall not be at all surprised if many of the ideas which I have expressed will have to be abandoned some, as is possible with any contribution to scientific literature, because they may later be found misleading, and others because they may prove to be actually wrong.

Pitié pour nous qui combattons toujours aux frontières
De l'illimité et de l'avenir,
Pitié pour nos erreurs, pitié pour nos péchés’.”

The three lines of verse quoted in French were written by the poet Guillaume Apollinaire. Thus appear two characteristic aspects of Eric Ponder, a man who applied to his researches both scientific rigor and the intuitive approach of a gentle poet.

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