

IN MEMORIAM

Paul H. Vercammen-Grandjean

It was with a sense of great loss that we learned about the death in this year of Dr. P. H. Vercammen-Grandjean (1915 — 1995).

He was born in Belgium and started his studies as an agricultural chemical engineer to continue at the Sorbonne, Paris, where he received a Doctorate in Science. He served as a public health medical biologist in Belgian Congo in 1948 — 60. In 1960 he became a Professor of University. During that time he made valuable scientific discoveries: First description of chigger mites of Congo, Ruanda, Urundi; first evidence of rickettsial bodies in Congolese chigger; first description of internasal chigger in rodents; first demonstration of intrastadial neoformations in chigger, — to mention only the most important ones.

Having left Belgian Congo, he accepted the position of Research Professor in Parasitology at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco.

Dr. Vercammen-Grandjean was a Nominated Member of the International Board of Acarology. A great issue "The Chigger Mites of the World" was wrote by him in 1976. He was a recognized leader of the acarologists, and his works have been translated and published all over the world.

He will be recalled by his Russian colleagues as a prominent researcher, whose works have influenced the formation of modern acarological science in all countries.