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Dear ISACB Membership:

It is with great sadness that I share the news with you all that our friend and colleague, **Dr. Alexander (Alec) Whitehill Clowes**, passed away on July 7, 2015. The link below accesses the obituary describing his extraordinary life and contributions:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?n=alexander-whitehill-clowes&pid=175273726>.

Many of us have known and admired Alec for many years; we are struggling with the news that this very vibrant, enthusiastic and scientifically inquisitive colleague is gone at the much-too-young age of 68. He was a very rare individual - change-the-world smart yet down-to-earth and kind. Alec's considerable body of work in vascular biology led to many new advances, including new fundamental understanding of restenosis mechanisms and prevention. He was truly the consummate clinician-scientist.

Alec was a key contributor to ISACB since its inception in 1987 and served as the Society's 2nd president from 1992-1994. At the ISACB Biennial Meeting in Cleveland in April 2014, he was honored as the featured keynote speaker.

As stated by Dr. Howard Greisler, Past-President of ISACB and vascular surgeon: "*Alec was a hero to the fields of vascular surgery and vascular biology and a role model to more than one generation of us. I feel humbled and proud to have counted him as a great friend and colleague for more than 30 years. His absence leaves a huge hole in the present and a huge loss for the future. He continued to do outstanding innovative work to the end and served as a scientific and professional guide and a moral compass to the field throughout his entire career.*"

The Society for Vascular Surgery paid tribute to him only a few weeks ago with their Lifetime Achievement Award and the following video shown during the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5dnSGUUBX0>.

We will remain indebted to the vast knowledge left behind by Alec and will greatly miss the amazing human being that he was.

Sincerely,



David A. Vorp, Ph.D.
President, ISACB
(on behalf of the ISACB Executive Council)