



Tribute to
Pierre AMBROISE-THOMAS
1937-2014



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Pierre was born in Paris in 1937 and began his career in Alger (Algeria – when still a French colony) where he finished his medical studies.

There, not only he had his first experiences as a physician in especially difficult conditions – what seemed to foreshadow the professional performance profile he would choose to have for the rest of his life, as he found himself forced to suddenly leave the country in 1962 with his wife, and almost only with the clothes he was wearing and some personal objects. Brave and willful as always, Pierre defended his doctoral dissertation in Lyon the following year.



Docteur ès Sciences since 1969, he is nominated to the newly created *Faculté de Médecine de Grenoble* in 1970, where he starts the first Parasitology service, that would become not only a National Reference Center, but, and, overall, a “Cooperative Center of the WHO for Malaria and Parasitic Diseases”. Pierre becomes a professor and develops an international lecturing, research and clinical hospital career. “The true ambassador of French Medicine abroad”, as he was described by Professor André Laurent Parodi, who saluted him in name of the *Académie Nationale de Médecine*, in his greetings. Pierre trained many students, in France (in Grenoble and in many other universities) and in several countries in Europe, Africa and Asia, having been *Honoris Causa* Professor at the Medicine University of Shanghai, where he lectured for almost 30 years.

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Pierre was an honorary professor of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine at the *Faculté de Médecine de Grenoble* (France), former chief of the Parasitology-Myecology Service at the University Hospital Center at the same city, honorary President of the *Académie Nationale de Médecine*, member of the *Académie Nationale de Pharmacie* and *Officier dans l'Ordre de La Légion d'Honneur*.



Pierre was the first non-resident President of the French Academy of Medicine



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Pierre was very proud of his numerous Family: his beloved wife Colette and their seven children (two sons and five daughters and 16 grand-children



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Pierre has participated six times to the *Seminário*. He was very proud of it and he was integrated to all activities, including the boat *promenade*, but excepting the bar and the singing ones... He used to sit beside me at the first places in the bus when coming to and leaving Itacuruçá and used to comment each time the increasing quality of students and presentations. He always declared himself as impressed by the vigor of the Brazilian science and the vitality of the Brazilian students.



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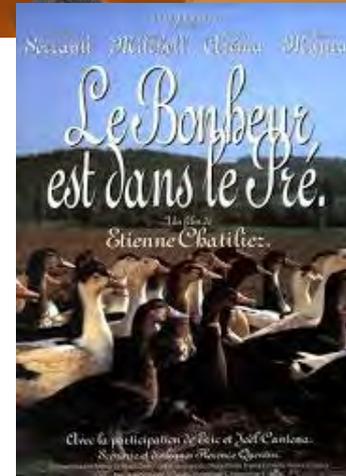
... a friend of Brazil !

- **After the International Symposium and 1st RNPM (1986)...**
- **the IV International Congress on Malaria and Babesiosis (1990) ;**
- **the XVIII International Congress on Trop. Med and Malaria (2012) ;**
- **the Study on CoArsucam for vivax malaria in Manaus (Sanofi Aventis x M. Lacerda and A Siqueira).**



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... and a friend of mine



- The Laveran International Foundation (1989);
- Associate Professor at St. Antoine (Paris V, 1997-1998) ;
- the International Federation for Tropical Medicine (2001) ;
- the Impact Malaria Initiative (2002) ;
- the Centennial of the SPE ;
- Foreign Corresponding Member at the French ANM (2009).

The Henrique Aragão Medal

17/10/1991

- **Leônidas de Mello Deane (1914-1993) - (*Instituto Oswaldo Cruz*)**
- **Percy Cyril Claude Garnham (1901-1994) - (*London Sch. Hyg. Trop. Med.*)**

29/11/2000

- **Pedro Luiz Tauil - (*Universidade de Brasília*)**
- **Wladimir Lobato Paraense (1914-2012) - (*Instituto Oswaldo Cruz*)**

21/10/2005

- **Carlos Eduardo Tosta da Silva - (*Universidade de Brasília*)**
- **Pierre Ambroise-Thomas (1937-2014) - (*Université de Grenoble*)**

13/04/2007

- **Ruth Nussenzweig - (*New York University*)**

27/09/2012

- **Victor Nussenzweig - (*New York University*)**
- **William Collins - (*New York University*)**

THE HENRIQUE ARAGÃO MEDAL



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In 2009, Pierre Ambroise-Thomas was (proposed by the Academician José Rodrigues Coura) elected as a Honorary Member of The Brazilian Academy of Medicine (ANM)



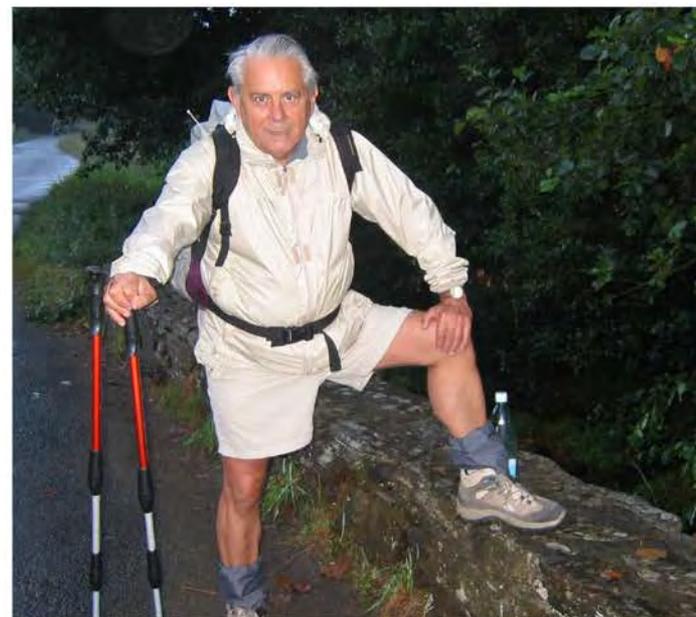
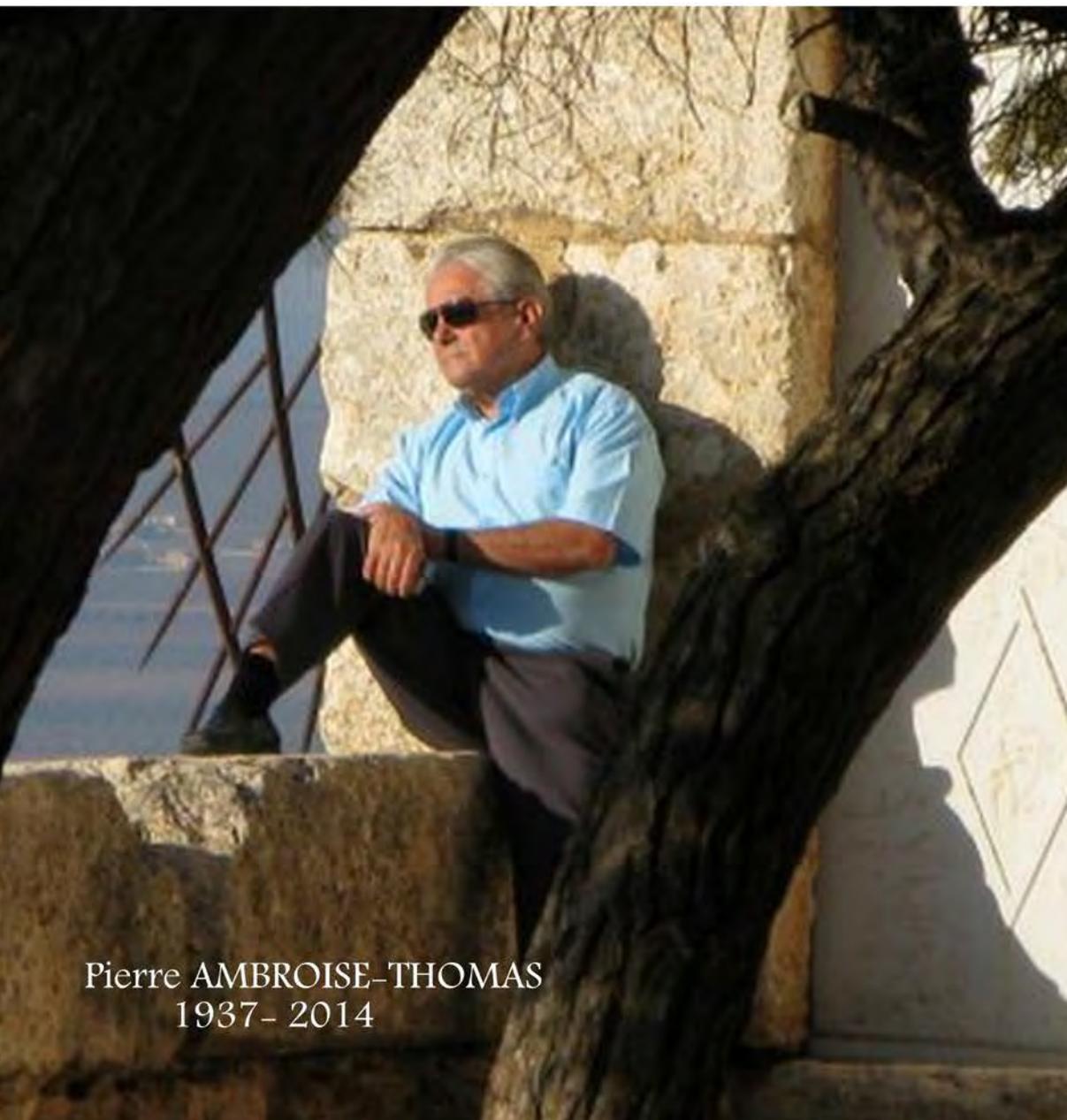
Pierre Ambroise-Thomas, a citizen concerned with populating France ...





Pierre Ambroise-Thomas was “... a man of faith: faith in his mission... faith in his great family, of which he was so proud and did him so well... faith in friendship, to which he was faithful in all circumstances... and deep religious faith... that he practiced with equal conviction and discretion”.

Professor Parodi (French ANM)





A Coordenação dos Seminários Laveran e Deane, em sua 20ª edição, a Diretoria do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz e a Presidência da Fundação Oswaldo Cruz têm a honra de conceder ao eminente Doutor

PIERRE AMBROISE THOMAS

o Diploma de Professor Emérito IN MEMORIAN dos Seminários Laveran & Deane

em reconhecimento às relevantes atividades acadêmico-científicas prestadas ao desenvolvimento da malariologia no Brasil através de seu comprometimento e apoio à Pesquisa e ao Ensino no tema.

Itacuruça, 19 de setembro de 2015

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