

ROBERT MORGAN STECHER, M.D.

In Memoriam

Robert Morgan Stecher, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, died in Scottsdale, Arizona, on 13 March 1972. He was aged 76.

Acta Geneticae Medicae et Gemellologiae and The Mendel Institute of Rome, who both enjoyed his cooperation and friendship for many years, now join his family in the deep sorrow for such a serious loss, and wish to honor his memory by publishing here the highlights of Dr. Stecher's *curriculum vitae*.

Birthplace and date: Cleveland, Ohio, December 1, 1896

Marital Status: Married - Florence McCarthy, April 7, 1926; three children

Education: Graduate of Lakewood High School 1915

B.S., Dartmouth College 1919

M.D., Harvard Medical School 1923

Medical Internship, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital 1924-1925

LHD (honorary), Fenn College 1962

Appointments at Metropolitan General Hospital:

Member, Medical Staff, Specializing in Rheumatic Diseases, 1926-.

Visiting Physician, Department of Medicine, 1930-.

Director of Arthritis Clinic, 1935-.

Appointments at Western Reserve University School of Medicine:

Clinical Professor of Medicine, 1960-.

Honorary Memberships and Honors:

Liga Argentina contra el Reumatismo, 1949.

Sociedad Española de Reumatología, 1951.

La Société Suisse de Médecine Physique et de Rhumatologie, 1953.

Die Deutsche Gesellschaft für Rheumatologie, 1954.

Heberden Oration (London), 1954.

Nederlandse Vereniging van Rheumatologen, 1955.

Sociedade Brasileira de Reumatologia, 1955.

Liga Mexicana contra el Reumatismo, 1955.

Associação Portuguesa de Reumatologia, 1955.

Societati Rheumatologicae Danicae, 1956.

Türkiye Romatizma Arastirma ve Savas Dernegi, 1959.

Società Italiana di Reumatologia, 1961.

Sociedad Mexicana de Reumatologia, 1961.

Board of Trustees, Local:

Brittingham Memorial Library (Metro. Gen. Hosp.) Pres. 1937-1961, V. Pres. 1961-.

Children's Aid Society, 1953-1956.

Cleveland Health Museum, 1940. Pres. 1950-1961, Chairman of the Board 1961-.

Cleveland Medical Library Association, 1940. Emeritus Trustee 1955-, Directing

Librarian 1942-1952, President 1952-1954, Library Committee 1961-.

Cuyahoga County Hospital Foundation
1955-. President 1961-1964.
Cleveland Vocational Guidance & Reha-
bilitation Services, 1952-1958.
Cleveland Y.M.C.A. 1940-1960.
Cleveland Zoological Society, 1948-.
Natural Science Museum of Cleveland, 1948,
Publications Committee 1964-.
Fenn College, 1941-1965.
Central School of Practical Nursing, 1961-
1966.

Board of Trustees, National:

Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, 1948-.
Charles F. Kettering Foundation, 1942-.
National Library of Medicine Board of Re-
gents, 1960-1964.
Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Re-
search, 1959-1968.

Memberships:

Academy of Medicine, Cleveland, 1926-.
Ohio State Medical Association, Fellow.
American Medical Association, Fellow 1929.
Foreman, Cuyahoga County Grand Jury,
April to Sept. 1960.
Maternal Health Association, Medical Advi-
sory Board, 1941-.
Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Commu-
nity Welfare Committee, 1965-.
American Association for the Advancement
of Science, Fellow 1946, Life Member.

American College of Physicians, Fellow 1939,
Life Member.
American Congress of Physical Medicine,
1937-.
American Public Health Association, 1943-.
American Rheumatism Association, 1933-.
President 1947-1948.
American Society of Human Genetics, 1948-.
American Society of Physical Medicine,
1946-.
Genetics Society of America, 1943-.
Biometric Society, 1948-1955.
Boston Medical Library, Non-resident Fel-
low, 1950-.
Central Society for Clinical Research, 1938-
1948, Emeritus Member 1948-.
Sigma Xi, 1942-.
Society for Experimental Biology and Medi-
cine, 1954-.
American Medical Political Action Com-
mittee, 1962-.

Ligue Internationale contre le Rhumati-
sme, Pres. Elect 1949-53, Pres. 1953-57.
International Academy of Pathology.
World Health Organization, Policy Comm.
of National Citizens Comm. 1961.

Publications: Over 149 articles on heart di-
sease, fever therapy, arthritis, Heberden's
nodes, osteoarthritis, arthritis in animals,
genetics.
Associate Editor, *Blackiston's New Gould Med.
Dictionary*, 1949-.
Editor for the Americas, *The Practitioner*,
1948-53.