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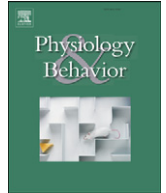
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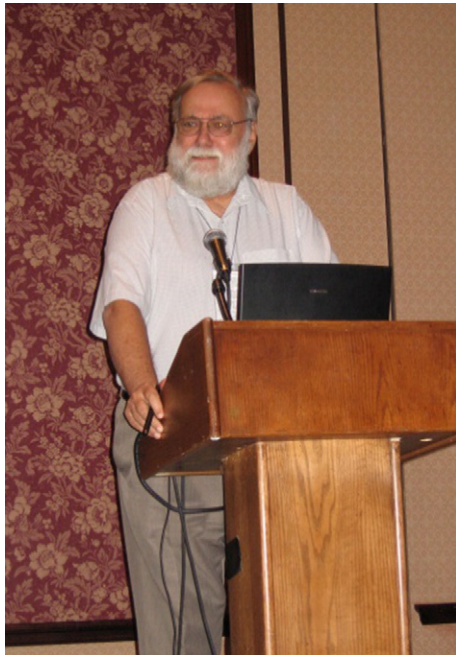
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Bob Blanchard, professor in Psychology at the University of Hawaii, passed away in November 2013. This special issue is written by colleagues and good friends to honor his eminent contribution to

behavioral neuroscience. Bob, in close collaboration with his wife Caroline restlessly traveled the world visiting scientific meetings, actively networking and doing research with colleagues in collaborative projects. At the same time they took the time to enjoy the good side of life. Working with rodents, Bob was one of the first to recognize the importance of bringing biology into biomedically oriented behavioral neuroscience. He was a strong advocate of the view that a fundamental understanding of the biology and ecology of the species should be the guideline in the design and interpretation of laboratory experiments. Central to his approach is the social nature of rodents leading to significant scientific contributions in the neurobiology and ethopharmacology of aggression, defense, social stress and autism.

The papers of this special issue each are a tribute to the scientific legacy of Bob Blanchard; each paper demonstrates in its own way how the design and interpretation of the studies were affected by Bob. We will miss his open scientific attitude, his impressive appearance, sense of humor and good laughter.

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