

## Dr. Suzanne Meleg-Smith in Memoriam

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Dear RPS members,

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of our long standing member and supporter of the RPS, Dr. Suzanne Meleg-Smith.

Dr. Meleg-Smith was born August 8, 1939 in Budapest, Hungary. She immigrated to Colombia, South America and attended medical school at Javeriana University in Bogota, Colombia graduating in 1964. She completed an anatomic pathology residency in 1986 at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque where she served as an assistant professor from 1987-2006. She moved to Tulane University in 2006 where she rose to full professor and director of the Renal Pathology Service and the Electron Microscopy laboratory. During this time she taught numerous medical students and residents renal pathology and was awarded best teacher awards twice in 1997 and 2000. Dr. Meleg-Smith published extensively on renal disease both original articles and commentaries. Some of her best papers were on the renal pathology in Alport's syndrome and experimental IgA nephropathy.

Suzanne became a member of the RPS in 1983 and served as the RPS membership committee chair (2000-2002) and the communications and website committee chair (2002-2009). During this time I had the opportunity to work with Suzanne in my capacity as the RPS secretary treasurer. I remember the enthusiasm with which she faced her RPS duties, her tireless work in updating the RPS website and the collegial interactions with my office staff and me. Most distinctly I remember Suzanne's cheery voice and spontaneous laughter in all the conversations we had. She very much enjoyed her work in RPS and was a regular at the RPS USCAP and ASN receptions.

Dr. Meleg Smith passed August 2014. She was joined in death with her husband, Mr. Clive Smith. They are survived by their two children Anike and Paul, and four grandchildren.

Please join me in remembering Suzanne as a creative and accomplished renal pathologist who rejoiced life and her work as a renal pathologist.

Helen Liapis, M.D.

RPS President