LEWIS LANDSBERG HAS LEFT US

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Last week, Jill Landsberg gave me the sad news that Lewis Landsberg had died on Thursday 23 September in their summer home on the Cape, the place he loved so much. On behalf of the International Society of Hypertension (ISH) and the Hypertension News team, I express our deep condolences to Jill and the Landsberg family.

Lewis Landsberg graduated “Summa Cum Laude” from Williams College in 1960 and from Yale University School of Medicine in 1964. Following residency training in Internal Medicine at Yale-New-Haven Hospital, he had a research fellowship at the National Institute of Health (NIH) in the laboratory of Julius Axelrod (Nobel Prize Laureate). Lewis Landsberg was recruited to Harvard Medical School and promoted to Professor of Medicine in 1986. In 1999, he became the Dean of the Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. In honor of Lewis Landsberg’s accomplishments as Dean,

the Deanship carries his name after he retired some years ago.

Lewis Landsberg served with great distinction on the Board of Management of the Journal of Hypertension for more than 25 years and was Chairman of the Board after he replaced John Chalmers in 1995–96, at the time when Alberto Zanchetti took over as Editor from John Reid.

I have had the privilege of working alongside Lewis on the Board first for the ESH and later for the ISH. With his polite, gentle and clever ways, his lovely sense of humor, and his “common sense” approach to difficult issues he stood out as an outstanding leader and a perfect chairman, whom I admired immensely. Rigmor and I have lost a close personal friend – we all owe Lewis a lot of thanks!

Northern Lights (aurora borealis). Photo by Christer Andersson, Umeå, Sweden