

## *ARTHUR K. ASBURY, MD, FRCP*

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Dr. Arthur K. Asbury, Van Meter Professor of Neurology Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, is best known for his clinical and experimental studies of peripheral neuropathies, particularly those seen with chronic kidney failure, in patients with diabetes mellitus, and the acute autoimmune neuropathy commonly called Guillain-Barré syndrome. A native of Cincinnati, Dr. Asbury received his baccalaureate degree in agriculture from the University of Kentucky and his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1958. His postgraduate training took place at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Medicine, Neurology and Neuropathology. He became Chief of the Neurology Service at the San Francisco Veterans Administration Medical Center in 1969 and concurrently was Professor of Neurology and Pathology and Vice Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the University of California, San Francisco. In 1973 he accepted the Chair of Neurology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, a position he held until 1982. He was appointed as the first Van Meter Professor of Neurology the following year. In 1988-89, he served as Acting Dean and Executive Vice President of the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center. Subsequently he accepted a three-year term as Vice Dean for Research, and another four years as Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs. Dr. Asbury recently served again as the Interim Dean of the School of Medicine in 2000-2001.

The work of Dr. Asbury has been published in over 200 articles, chapters and reviews. He has also written or edited five monographs on peripheral neuropathies, and is an editor of the two volume "Diseases of the Nervous System", now in its third edition. Dr. Asbury also served the maximum two terms as Chief Editor of the Annals of Neurology. Service on ten Editorial Boards has included the Archives of Neurology, the Annals of Neurology, Neurology, Muscle and Nerve, the Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology, and the Journal of Neurological Sciences. He co-edited the Blue Books of Practical Neurology series through twenty-nine volumes from 1981 to 2004, and recently was Presiding Senior Editor for Neurology for UpToDate on line.

As a leader in national and international neurological organizations, Dr. Asbury served as Vice President of the World Federation of Neurology, which sponsors the World Congress of Neurology every four years, and is Past President of the American Neurological Association, the Association of University Professors of Neurology, the Philadelphia Neurological Society, the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, and is former Chair of the World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Neuromuscular Diseases. Currently he is a member, Board of Directors, Monell Chemical Senses Center, Philadelphia and a Trustee of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Dr. Asbury is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and has served on the Council of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London, by distinction. In 2004, the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine established the Arthur K. Asbury Award for Outstanding Faculty Mentoring, to be awarded annually. Other honors include the Daniel Drake Medal of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, in addition to its Distinguished Graduate Award, Honorary Professor of Medical Sciences, Hebei Medical College and Hebei Province, PRC, the I.S. Ravdin Master Clinician Award of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, the Lindback Award of the University of Pennsylvania for Teaching Excellence, Lifetime Achievement Award of the World Federation of Neurology for his work in neuromuscular diseases, the Meritorious Service Award of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, and Honorary Memberships in the American Neurological Association, the American Academy of Neurology, the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine, the Association of British Neurologists, and the European Neurological Society.