HOMAGE TO GEORGE PALADE

Dedicated to his 95th Anniversary

In line with epistemology, the relationship between knowledge, belief, and justification is subtle. Knowledge implies belief, both requiring justification. Yet, “*Magister dixit!*” (Teacher said!), used by Pythagoras’ students, expresses a respect to the teacher. Indeed, it is *sapere aude* (dare to know) that drives us to find our teachers.

Socrates was the teacher of Plato, Plato of Aristotle, Aristotle of Alexander the Great, and Albert Claude of George Palade – a Romanian scientist in the United States. And, Magister of cell biologists world wide.

George Emil Palade was born on 19 November 1912 in Iași, Northeastern Romania. He graduated from Bucharest University Medical School in 1940. In 1945 Palade went to the United States, where was a professor

at the Rockefeller Institute in New York (1958-1973), Yale University Medical School in New Haven (1973-1990), and the University of California at San Diego (1990-present). For his discoveries of a new world of cell structures studied by electron microscopy, George Palade was awarded 1974 Nobel Prize in Medicine, together with other two scientists from the famous “Rockefeller group”, Albert Claude and Christian de Duve.

“Seldom has a field owed so much to a single man” – George Palade’s 1971 statement acknowledging Albert Claude’s contribution to modern cell biology. We are addressing now these words to George Palade, himself!

The Bulgarian Society for Cell Biology celebrates 19 November as George Palade Day.

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