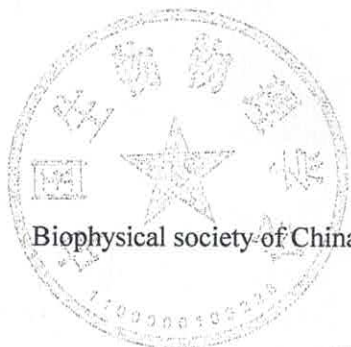


Purdue University and the family of Prof. Rossmann,
Grieved to learn of the passing away of Prof. Michael. G. Rossmann, we, in the name of Biophysical society of China, Institute of Biophysics, CAS, express our deepest condolences and sincerest sympathy to you and Prof. Rossmann's family.

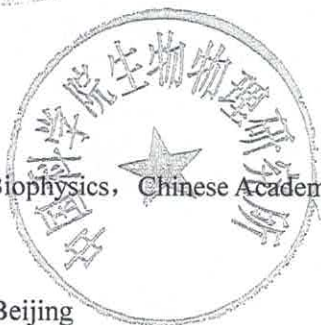
Prof. Rossmann is one of the greatest structure biologists, whose scientific contributes impact all over the world. In the 1970s and 1980s, Prof. Rossmann developed the "Molecule Replacement" technique in the field of X-ray crystallography, which is one of the most commonly used technique to retrieve the phase of protein structures until now. In addition, Prof. Rossmann solved the first atomic structure of an animal virus. Until recently, Prof. Rossmann kept contributing his excellent works in Flavivirus, Alphavirus, Picornavirus, Bacteriophages and Large DNA viruses to the world.

Prof. Rossmann always kept a great relationship with the Chinese structure biology society and his friendship benefited the growth and development of the society. In the 1980, Prof. Rossmann was invited by Prof. Dongcai Liang and Prof. Jiahuai Wang to visit Institute of Biophysics in Beijing. It was the first time for the small Chinese structure biology society to meet a famous expert in China just after China's reform and opening. In the recent years, Prof. Rossmann visited Institute of Biophysics and Tsinghua University in Beijing and the Fourth Military Medical University in Xi'an in 2016. Prof. Rossmann's last visit to China was Fudan University in Shanghai in 2018. Prof. Rossmann's visit encouraged a lot of outstanding young Chinese students to devote themselves into the structure biology since 1980. Many Chinese students were trained in Prof. Rossmann's lab and became successful Scientists world widely.

The death of Prof. Rossmann is a great loss to the whole structure biology society. We lost a sincere friend and a great mentor. We will miss Prof. Rossmann forever.



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