Ainsley Iggo, Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Physiology at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies died in Edinburgh in March. He was born in New Zealand, where he obtained a Masters in Agricultural Science and a BSc. He then moved to Scotland, getting a PhD from The University of Aberdeen in 1954 and a DSc from Edinburgh in 1962.

Among other achievements, he was an FRS, an FRSE (winning the Bicentenary Medal in 1997) and an FRCP(E). He became a Member Academia Europaea in 1991.

Ainsley did pioneering electrophysiology on the organization of the dorsal horn, and on sensory cutaneous receptors and their afferents. These studies included the discovery of thermoreceptors in the skin. He also produced the first system for classifying C fibres and mechanoreceptors. True to his antipodean origins, these latter investigations extended to the skin of the snout of the echidna.

Ainsley was elected a Member in 1956. He was a member of the Editorial Board of The Journal of Physiology from 1962 to 1969, and a member of the Editorial Board of The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Physiology from 1980 to 1983.

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