

ACADEMY FELLOW



Richard B. Brandt

Dr. Richard B. Brandt is a Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, where he has been since 1970. He is an Executive Board member and Chairman of the Education Division of the Nutritional Sciences Program at the Medical College of Virginia.

He received a B.S. in Chemistry from Queens College, an M.A. in Organic Analytical Chemistry from Brooklyn College and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from New York University.

Society Memberships include: American Association for Cancer Education; American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; American Institute of Nutrition; Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine (Past President South East Region).

He has been a member of the Virginia Academy of Sciences since 1970. He was recruited into the Academy by Dr Lynn Abbott who was at that time the Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry. He was the first Secretary of the Environmental Sciences Division, recruited by Dr Roscoe Hughes, Secretary of Medical Sciences Division 1976-78, Chairman or Co-chairman 1976-1988, Councilor 1988-1990, Secretary of the Academy 1988-89, President-elect 1989-90, President 1990-91. He received the J. Shelton Horsley Research award in 1987. Currently he is on, or chairman of, several committees of the Academy. Most recently he has obtained commitments from the Presidents of VPI, VCU and George Mason for Annual Meetings of the Academy.

His other main involvement is with the American Cancer Society: Richmond Area Board of Directors, Public Education Chairman for the Richmond Area and Co-Chairman of the State Public Education Committee, Member of the State Public Issues Committee, Member of the Board of Directors (Virginia Division) . In 1989, he received the Division-Unit Volunteer Award, and in 1990 the Life Saver Award from the American Cancer Society.

His research interests include: Vitamin A in disease and -Carotene and cancer protection. He is the author of over 60 research and educational publications.

His wife Renate is a Public School librarian in Richmond. Their daughter is an actress(in Los Angeles), and both sons are Ph.D. research scientists in Biochemistry (Irvine) and Physics(Chicago).