To All IPA Members:

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you with the sad news that Dr. Robert Wallerstein, the great psychoanalyst and a former President of the IPA, died on Friday 19th December, peacefully, in the evening, at the age of 94.

With his passing we have lost a great psychoanalyst, and an enormously significant figure in the history of psychoanalysis and of our organization.

Other colleagues will report in due course about his scientific contributions and his prestigious institutional career, which started in 1949 at the Topeka Clinic with Karl Menninger, one of the “two genial” masters he acknowledged as his main teachers (the other had been Erik Erikson). I only want to mention here, with sincere gratitude, his importance for so many young analysts all over the world when he, as the President of the International Psychoanalytical Association, supported with serene strength the dignity of Psychoanalysis and the idea of a common psychoanalytic ground in our IPA community.

Like many others, I admired his innovative vision, his courage and his highly civil, democratic, but also firm way of discussion when he debated these topics with other renowned, more traditional analysts who didn’t always share these ideas.

In my view, he was a founder of a really international psychoanalytic culture, open to recognize the richness and diversity of the many schools that grew up in so many countries in one century of Psychoanalysis.

When I was elected as IPA President, Dr. Wallerstein kindly wrote to me warmly recommending that I take great care of the IPA, in a way which revealed his authentic love for our Association, and I felt moved and honoured for this supplementary, very personal mandate – to be shared with so many colleagues - that I received from him.

I think we can say goodbye to Dr. Wallerstein in a respectful and grateful way, giving him his rightful place in the history of Psychoanalysis.

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From: Ralph Fishkin <owner-association@apsa.org>
Date: Sun, Dec 21, 2014 at 2:36 PM
Subject: APsaA: Robert S. Wallerstein M.D. 1921-2014
To: association@apsa.org
Dear Colleagues,

As Secretary, it is my sad duty to inform you of the death of Robert Wallerstein on Friday evening December 19, 2014. He was a towering figure in psychoanalysis. I regret that this Association List cannot be used for tributes and memories, but you are welcome to post your personal tributes and reminiscences on the Members List and Open Line.

Sincerely,
Ralph Fishkin D.O.
Secretary
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Bob's daughter, Amy, wrote the following to Harriet Wolfe and asked her to pass it along:

Dear friends and family,

Our father and grandfather, Bob Wallerstein, passed away yesterday evening. He was surrounded by family.

Please join us to sit Shiva and remember Bob on Monday. We will gather at Amy and Glenn's home, 182 Estates Drive in Piedmont, at 6:30 p.m.

Feel free to share this invite with others you will want to join. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, we will be asking for donations in his name. Details to come.

Love,
the Wallerstein family

Amy Wallerstein Friedman L.C.S.W.