

### **Alexander Rich passes away !**

Alexander Rich (1924-2015), a noted molecular biologist died recently. He was a noted molecular biologist who graduated from Harvard University and received a medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He spent postdoc years in Linus Pauling's laboratory where he mastered X-ray crystallography and chemistry of biological molecules. He finally moved to MIT and remained there for ever. He will be remembered for many biological inventions but most remarkable was his discovery of polysomes; a structure in which beads of ribosomes could be seen held onto single stranded messenger RNA, a crucial stage in synthesis of peptides. He described Z-DNA conformation, the left-handed DNA structure and showed RNA could bind to DNA. He was active till end, and famous for late night parties at his house.