Our friend and colleague Ken Jacobson, Kenan Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, passed away on February 7. To celebrate his creativity, extensive interests, and development of powerful quantitative methods for biophysics, we invite manuscripts for this special issue. Ken Jacobson was one of the founders of modern digital microscopy, contributing broadly applied technical innovations including fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP), methods for quantitative analysis of microscope images, computational modeling, and approaches to examine lipid diffusion in biological membranes. His laboratory applied these tools to better understand the role of lipid rafts in membrane organization, biophysical mechanisms of cell motility, and how oscillations involving mechanical feedback affect signaling pathways.

Attesting to his compassion and broad vision, later in life Ken devoted himself to developing solar powered vaccine coolers to serve remote areas. Many younger colleagues, students, and fellows will remember his guidance and warm support, and those in the biophysics community are grateful for his leadership efforts on behalf of the Society, in addition to NIH initiatives in quantitative imaging.

We welcome all topics broadly relevant to the questions and inventions pursued by Dr. Jacobson.

Deadline for submission: January 31, 2023

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