**In Memoriam: Arnold Bayer, MD**

**Investigator, The Lundquist Institute**

**Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Dave Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of one of our long standing IDAC members, His unwavering dedication, passion, and knowledge enriched the infectious disease community and IDAC in countless ways. He was an endocarditis expert and one of the co-authors of the guidelines on endocarditis. He was a resource for all the Southern California ID community, always available to answer questions and give selfless advice.

Dr. Bayer's research focused on bacterial pathogenesis, antibiotic resistance, animal models of infection, and therapeutic optimization as it relates to endovascular infections. His main area of focus was the expression of key virulence factors and genes which enhance the ability of Staphylococcus aureus to cause endovascular infections and resist antibiotics. Additionally, Dr. Bayer is known for investigating the mechanisms by which platelet peptides kill common blood stream pathogens, and the genetic mechanisms by which certain strains of bacteria develop resistance and cross-resistance to antibiotics.

His memory will live on in the heart of IDAC and the infectious disease community.

His unwavering role in our community as physician, scientist, colleague, mentor, and friend will be sorely missed.

With heartfelt condolences,

Infectious Disease Association of California

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