

## VISIT OF TERESA RAMÓN Y CAJAL TO WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Ms. Teresa (Terry) Ramón y Cajal, the great granddaughter of Don Santiago Ramón y Cajal, visited West Virginia University (WVU) for several weeks in July and August of 1988. This visit was announced in a letter dated June 19, 1988 from Maria Angeles Ramón y Cajal Junquera to "Mister Director" of the Department of Anatomy at WVU. This letter eventually came to the attention of Dr. Jim Culberson and is reproduced elsewhere in this Proceedings.

Ms. Ramón y Cajal herself did not contact the Department of Anatomy and, in spite of this early warning, she arrived somewhat unexpectedly at the WVU Medical Center in the department of Anatomy. Drs. Jim Culberson and Dennis Overman acted as her hosts and visited with her for several hours. Being good hosts they even took her to lunch! It turned out that she was taking a summer course in English at the University.

Ms. Ramón y Cajal was a very delightful and pleasant young lady of the general age of a university student. Even though her plans called for a summer course, Culberson said her English was already quite good. She expressed interest in taking courses in the Medical School. However, no basic sciences courses are routinely offered during the summer, and, in contrast to some European Universities, students in the U. S. cannot take medical courses until officially admitted to a program. So, it was not possible to accommodate this request. To the best of our knowledge her summer English course went well.

Although a very short visit, Culberson and Overman enjoyed the opportunity to meet a descendent of Santiago Ramón y Cajal. Photographs taken on the occasion are reproduced below.



**Figure 28.** Photographs taken of Ms. Teresa Ramón y Cajal and her hosts during a visit to the Department of Anatomy at West Virginia University. From left to right these photographs are of Ms. Cajal, Ms. Cajal and Dr. Culberson, and Ms. Cajal and Dr. Overman.