

## EDITORIAL

During the past 50 years, tobacco smoke science has advanced a great deal. Progress would have been unthinkable without the contributions of two chemists: Dr. Dietrich Hoffmann and Dr. Alan Rodgman. Consequently, both scientists received the Lifetime Achievement Award initiated in 2003 by the Policy Committee of the Tobacco Science Research Conference to recognize outstanding achievement in tobacco science. Dr. Alan Rodgman received the inaugural award presented at the 57<sup>th</sup> TSRC in 2003 and Dr. Dietrich Hoffmann received the second TSRC Lifetime Achievement Award presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> TSRC in 2004. Both men spent almost their complete scientific career at “opposite sides” of the tobacco issue: Dr. Hoffmann worked at the Sloan-Kettering Institute (1957–1970) in New York NY and the Naylor Dana Institute in Valhalla (New York) of the American Health Foundation (1970–2004). Dr. Rodgman worked in the Research Department of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston Salem, North Carolina (1954–1987) and ultimately as its research director (1980–1987). In our view, honoring both men for their achievements in tobacco science almost simultaneously is a good example of the fact that tobacco science can also be independent of the affiliation of the scientist. We are pleased to publish the eulogies for the two laureates in this issue of *Beiträge zur Tabakforschung International/Contributions to Tobacco Research*. The major reason for doing this is to honor Dr. Dietrich Hoffmann and Dr. Alan Rodgman. In addition, this Journal feels obliged to act in the sense that both of these two scientists stand for tobacco science not only of high quality but also of independence from any non-scientific influences.

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