

#### EDITORS' NOTE

With deep-felt sadness we have to inform our readers that Dr Dietrich K. Hoffmann passed away at his home in Larchmont, N.Y. on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 86 years. We will publish an obituary honoring this notable tobacco scientist in our next issue.

In this issue we publish the presentation of Drs Thomas A. Perfetti and Alan Rodgman at the 2010 CORESTA Meeting in Edinburgh when they were awarded the 2010 CORESTA Prize. Dr Hubert Klus kindly contributes a Guest Editorial.

We are pleased to continue the publication of the laudations for the recipients of the Tobacco Science Research Conference Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2010, the award was presented to Dr William Kerr Collins. The laudation was delivered by Dr J. Michael Moore. We started the series in issue 21/5 (2005) with the first two recipients of this prestigious award, Dr Alan Rodgman and Dr Dietrich Hoffmann, followed by Dr Tien C. Tso in issue 21/8 (2005) and Dr Richard R. Baker in issue 22/4 (2007).

Finally, we have asked François Jacob, who was CORESTA's Secretary General for more than 20 years, to recount some of his impressions and experiences during a most fulfilling part of his career.

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