

EDITORS' NOTE

It was with great sadness that we heard that Dr Alan Rodgman passed away in December 2013 only a few months before his 90th birthday. For this issue, his friend, colleague, and collaborator, Dr Charles Green, has kindly consented to write a tribute to Dr Rodgman's life. As an author, Dr Rodgman published 15 full papers in our journal. As a member of our Advisory Board from 1976–1987, he was a most conscientious reviewer who took infinite care and trouble in order to improve the manuscripts he was asked to review. In an unofficial capacity, he was always willing to offer support even after his retirement from the board. In this issue, we would like to honour this eminent and distinguished scientist in tobacco research of many decades by publishing his impressive list of publications provided by Dr Green.

We would like to inform our readers that as of publication of our next issue 26/2 in July our website will be relaunched as part of the scientific platform of De Gruyter Online. Future issues will be published as Open Access files which subsequently will be accessible at <http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/cttr>. From July 2014 authors are welcome to submit their articles via online submission through De Gruyter's website.

We are glad to inform you that two well known scientists have agreed to join the Advisory Board of Beiträge in the future: Steve Purkis of Imperial Tobacco Limited and Prof. Dr Elmar Richter.

Steve Purkis has worked for more than 40 years in various scientific roles in the field of fundamental tobacco and smoke research including flavour research, tobacco, tobacco smoke and tobacco biomass analyses. He is currently President of the Smoke Science Study Group of the CORESTA Scientific Commission and Secretary of the Special Analytes Subgroup. Furthermore he is active within the British Standards Institution (BSI) and ISO.

Prof. Elmar Richter is a toxicologist with a main focus on bioavailability of carcinogens and metabolism of nitrosamines. He was at the Ludwig Maximilian Universität (LMU) Institute for Pharmacology and Toxicology. After his retirement he is now the director of the animal facilities of medical faculty of the LMU.

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