

#### EDITORS' NOTE

It is with great pleasure that we inform our readers that we have enlarged our panel of peers and that two distinguished scientists have agreed to join the Advisory Board of *Beiträge zur Tabakforschung International / Contributions to Tobacco Research*. We therefore welcome Dr. Ramsey Lewis and Dr. Andreas Zemann onto the board.

Dr. Ramsey Lewis is a Professor of Crop Science at North Carolina State University. His research activities cover genetics and breeding to develop and study improved and novel plant breeding methodologies with a special focus on the tobacco plant. Dr. Lewis's work in applied genetics research relative to tobacco is nationally and internationally recognized. His research investigating the genetic control of important traits like carcinogen accumulation and disease resistance will improve yields and profitability for tobacco farmers.

Dr. Andreas Zemann is a Professor of Analytical Chemistry at Leopold-Franzens University of Innsbruck, Austria since 1998. His special interests are in the areas of Capillary Electrophoresis, Ion Chromatography and more general also in Design of Experiments and Data Analysis. Dr. Zemann worked from 2004 to 2009 with delfort Group at Wattens, Austria as a Director of Research, before he returned to academic research at the University of Innsbruck. Many readers of *Beiträge* might know Dr. Zemann from his time at Wattens.

At this occasion we would like to express our sincere gratitude to a former member of long standing of the Advisory Board who has decided to retire from this task some time ago. Professor Lowell Bush has been an important member of the Advisory Board for 16 years, having joined the board in 1999. As a Professor of Plant and Soil Sciences at the University of Kentucky he covered a broad field in crop science with a special focus on the tobacco plant and all its aspects. His important contributions in this field are certainly known to our readers from his large number of publications or his activities and presentations at TSRC and CORESTA Meetings concerning e.g., tobacco alkaloids and TSNA's. Many thanks to Lowell for reviewing and improving a lot of *Beiträge's* manuscripts and for his long-lasting relationship with our journal.

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