

#### EDITORS' NOTE

This issue of *Beiträge zur Tabakforschung International* includes the laudatory speech that Dr Carr J. Smith gave at the occasion of the rescheduled Tobacco Science Research Conference where Dr Thomas A. Perfetti was presented with the 2017 TSRC Lifetime Achievement Award. When we heard the news about the award for our friend Tom Perfetti some months ago, editors and staff were equally delighted. Tom has served as a reviewer for our Journal for almost three decades and even after taking his retirement from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco he continued to provide help and guidance to many authors who submitted their manuscripts to *Beiträge*, for which we are very grateful.

At the end of this year we would like to express our gratitude to all scientists who reviewed manuscripts submitted to our Journal. Thank you for the trouble you took in 2017 to improve these papers, thus providing support for the Journal and guidance to our authors. You helped us to complete another productive publication year.

We wish all our authors, readers, and reviewers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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