

EDITORS' NOTE

In this issue we inform our readers that to our regret, after more than 20 years, Dr. Yukio Nakanishi has decided to step down from the advisory board of our Journal following his retirement from Japan Tobacco.

After serving on the panel of peers of our Journal for such a long time we owe him a debt of gratitude for his longstanding support. We do appreciate the efforts made by the scientists who review the manuscripts submitted to *Beiträge zur Tabakforschung International/Contributions to Tobacco Research*. Dr. Nakanishi's expertise and conscientiousness has helped many authors to prepare their manuscripts for publication in *Beiträge zur Tabakforschung International / Contributions to Tobacco Research*.

It is with sincere gratitude and in recognition of all Dr. Nakanishi has done for the Journal that we wish him all the best for the years to come in his private life.

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