

EDITORS' NOTE

We would like to inform our readers about recent changes in the Advisory Board of *Beiträge zur Tabakforschung International/Contributions to Tobacco Research*. Professor Aglika Edreva of the D. Kostoff Institute of Genetics at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences has decided to step down from the Advisory Board following retirement. Professor Edreva was a member of the Advisory Board since December 2006. Furthermore, our friend Dr. Jean-Louis Verrier of Bergerac Seed & Breeding, the former Tobacco Institute of Bergerac, has also expressed the wish to step down from the Advisory Board due to his retirement in 2017. He served as a member of the Advisory Board since February 2012. We would like to express our gratitude to both of them for the help and guidance they provided to our authors and the editorial staff of the Journal with their reviews. Their valuable collaboration contributed to the international appreciation of *Beiträge* for many years and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their longstanding support.

We are pleased to notify our readers that Dr. Anne Jack, who is an agriculture research specialist and Senior Research Director at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has accepted our invitation to join the Advisory Board of our Journal. We are looking forward to this collaboration and we are delighted to have Dr. Jack's voice among our panel of peers.

As always at the end of the year's issue we wish all our authors and readers a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year 2019.

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