EDITORIAL

BEITRÄGE ZUR TABAKFORSCHUNG was founded in 1961 as a German periodical for tobacco science and technology by Karl-Heinz Weber, head of the scientific division of the Verband der Cigarettenindustrie from 1959 to 1978. His successor Franz Adlkofer who was Editor of the journal since 1979 was aiming at an international distribution of the journal and scientific work published was increasingly written in English. Franz Adlkofer retired in 1996 and we as new Editors would like to thank him also on behalf of the Advisory Board for his efforts undertaken for the journal. Today, BEITRÄGE ZUR TABAKFORSCHUNG INTERNATIONAL (*Contributions to Tobacco Research*) is a scientific journal covering the field of physical and chemical analysis of tobacco and tobacco smoke. Also within the scope of this journal are pertinent matters to the manufacture of tobacco products and research into tobacco plants, plant treatment substances, protecting agents, leaf tobacco, statistical data processing and human smoking behaviour.

We intend to strengthen the role of BEITRÄGE ZUR TABAKFORSCHUNG INTERNATIONAL (*Contributions to Tobacco Research*) in close cooperation with the Advisory Board in the communication of knowledge in the field of basic and applied tobacco research. As a first step in order to achieve this goal, we intend to initiate a series of changes which include:

- From 1997 onwards, at least three issues of BEITRÄGE ZUR TABAKFORSCHUNG INTERNATIONAL (*Contributions to Tobacco Research*) are scheduled to appear per year.
- The process of reviewing, editing and printing will be significantly accelerated. Not more than 3 - 4 months should pass between submission and publication of manuscripts.
- Each issue of BEITRÄGE ZUR TABAKFORSCHUNG INTERNATIONAL (*Contributions to Tobacco Research*) will include editorial sections with:
 - Congress reports
 - Book reviews
 - Seminars in tobacco science (basic knowledge in tobacco science)

We are well aware of the fact that our goal, to keep BEITRÄGE ZUR TABAKFORSCHUNG INTERNATIONAL (*Contributions to Tobacco Research*) worth reading for all those who are working in or interested in the field of tobacco research can only be achieved when scientists are willing to publish their work in this journal. Therefore, we invite all scientists who can contribute to the knowledge in the field of tobacco research to submit their manuscript to BEITRÄGE ZUR TABAKFORSCHUNG INTERNATIONAL.

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