EDITORS' NOTE

In this issue of BEITRÄGE we would like to inform our readers about some changes in the Advisory Board.

Dr Rene Delon has requested to be replaced in the Advisory Board, after having been a member since 1998. Dr Delon possesses a broad and deep scientific knowledge all around the tobacco plant and therefore he has reviewed a large number of manuscripts for BEITRÄGE as well as generously providing advice concerning the French abstract of nearly every manuscript published since then. The editors and staff of the journal owe him a great debt for his helpfulness and we would all like to thank Dr Delon very much for all his activities related to BEITRÄGE.

In compensation to this leave-taking we are glad to inform our readers that two well known tobacco scientists have agreed to join the Advisory Board of BEITRÄGE in the future: Dr Jean-Louis Verrier of SEITA Group Imperial Tobacco and Dr Bernhard Eitzinger of Delfortgroup AG.

After finishing his university education with a thesis in Plant ecology, Dr Verrier worked for several years in seed companies before he joined SEITA at the Tobacco Institute in Bergerac, where he now has the position of Head of Breeding and Pathology.

Dr Eitzinger has an engineering background in his academic education with a graduation in the description and parametrisation of Non-linear Dynamical Systems. Several papers of Bernhard Eitzinger in BEITRÄGE demonstrate this background.

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