EDITORS' NOTE

It is with sadness that we learned that T.C. Tso passed away in April of this year. In this issue of *Beitraege*, we publish an obituary written by Professor Lowell Bush on the personality and scientific career of Dr Tso.

T.C. Tso published 19 manuscripts in our journal. His first article in *Beitraege* was entitled "Examination of Aflatoxin B1 in Leaf Tobacco and in Cigarette Smoke Condensate" and published in 1967. His last article in *Beitraege* was a review entitled "Tobacco Research and Its Relevance to Science, Medicine and Industry" revealing a vision for the future of tobacco plant research. In a letter to the editor (*Beitr. Tabakforsch Int.* 23 (2008) 63–65), Hubert Klus appreciated this publication of Dr Tso in terms of its retrospective and prospective implications on tobacco-related science and science policy.

In this context, we would like to draw our readers' attention to the autobiography of Dr Tso, which is mentioned in the obituary by Professor Bush. Finally, it should not go unmentioned that, for one decade - from 1988 to 1998, Dr Tso served as a member of the advisory board of our journal and helped to maintain the scientific standard of *Beitraege*.

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