

In Memoriam Werner J. Schmidt



On April 16th, 2007, Prof. Dr. Werner J. Schmidt, Section Editor of *Amino Acids* since 1997, died unexpectedly.

Dr. Schmidt was engaged from the beginning for the journal and with the neurobiology chapters of the biennial International Congresses on Amino Acids and Proteins (ICAAP), organising the first Satellite on Neurobiology for the 5th ICAAP, taking place in Chalkidiki, Greece, in 1997. He was then a guest Editor for the first Special Issue of *Amino Acids*, fully devoted to “Amino Acids in Neurobiology” [*Amino Acids* 14 (1–3), 1–270 (1998)], contributing thereafter as a Guest Editor for several special issues.

Werner enthusiastically contributed to the neuropharmacology of amino acids, publishing several seminal papers and contributing to organise the biennial congresses. While he could not promise to assist to the present year meeting, the 10th ICAAP in Kallithea, Chalkidiki, Greece, August 20–25, 2007, he heartily contributed to its organisation, agreeing to coordinate it with the meeting of the European Society of Behavioural Pharmacology that he was chairing in Tuebingen, Germany, during that same week (August 26–29, 2007).

Dr. Werner J. Schmidt was the head of the Department of Neuropharmacology, Faculty of Biology, University of Tuebingen, Germany, since 1989, promoting with great international impact the field of behavioural pharmacology. He supervised a number of graduate students, and participated in the Editorial Board of several international journals, including *Amino Acids*, *Behavioural Pharmacology*, *Journal of Neural Transmission*, *Neuro Forum*, *Neurology, Psychiatry and Brain Research*, and *Neurotoxicity Research*.

It is with great concern that we communicate the leaving of our friend Werner, sharing the sorrow of his family and closed friends. We will miss him as an exceptional colleague and a very dear friend.

Mario Herrera-Marschitz (Editor-in-Chief)
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