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Preface

Biophysical Chemistry is honoured to produce this *Special Issue* dedicated to the career and work of Gerhard Schwarz. He has been associated with the Journal since its inception in 1972, publishing a paper in the first issue entitled *Self-association studies of two adenine derivatives by equilibrium ultracentrifugation* [R. Bretz, A. Lustig, G. Schwarz, *Biophys. Chem.* 1 (1974) 237–241], followed by several other papers over the years. To have such stature associated with the journal, both as a subscriber and editor, gives a Principal Editor a sense of security and steadfastness, with a standard to maintain knowing that everything published is critically read and judged.

Throughout the last 25 years Gerhard has brought an air of distinguished authority to the journal and he has attracted and handled tens of papers per year. His thorough reviews and high standards have helped many in revision of their papers and ensured that the quality of the journal has been maintained and fully recognised and respected. Although I have only interacted with him for the last 7 years, our meetings and his wisdom in decision making and policy have been invaluable. Of the old school where quality and exactness was paramount, commercial pressures

to publish were never a case or argument with him, which is refreshing to observe during decision-making discussions.

The chapters in this volume represent contributions from a large number of Gerhard's co-workers, many of whom I know and have respected for many years. I am indebted to Eberhard Neumann and Mathias Winterhalter for their hard work and efforts in compiling this volume. We are secure in the knowledge that Gerhard is still an Associate Editor of *Biophysical Chemistry*, and will be on hand to impart wisdom, suggestions about reviewers and help in the review process itself. We wish him a productive and thoroughly enjoyable retirement, doing whatever he plans to do, and content that he has really made significant and solid contributions to science to which many can only dream of aspiring.

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