

To our Readers

In honor of Prof. Dr. Hanns-Georg Kilian as he retires from "Colloid & Polymer Science"

You have been the managing editor of Colloid & Polymer Science for more than 12 years. During that time, you have contributed greatly to the international success of this journal through your fair but uncompromising reviewing of ideas and suggestions. You did not regard it as the duty of a managing editor to please everyone. Quality and scientific soundness were always the parameter which guided your decisions. You have always been a fair partner for your publisher, editors, reviewers and authors.

I vividly remember the various talks we had about the journal, about the future of publishing, and about philosophy and art. You always

presented thoughts and ideas which carry forward; you always stood by your principles, but were always willing to negotiate. You are a man who is on the side of the youth and who wants to change the world to the better. It is always a fascinating experience to meet with you and talk with you.

For you it was selfunderstood that you would look for someone to succeed you after you retired from your active university carrier, and I never had a doubt that you would find the right person.

Let me close with the only words that can express the good you have done for us, the publisher, and for your colleagues: Thank you!

B. Lewerich, Publisher

In honor of Prof. Dr. Egon Matijević as he retires from "Colloid & Polymer Science"

When you are asked how any inorganic material is prepared in colloidal form, you immediately turn to Egon Matijević. He can describe how to prepare colloidal particles with shapes of spheres, ellipsoids, discs, plates, needles or "Zimtsterne" (named after a German Christmas cookie). And, one will always find very detailed recipes in his publications. Certainly, Egon Matijević is not just a specialist who prepares all forms of colloidal materials. His outstanding scientific reputation is derived from his theoretical papers and numerous elegant studies on the formation kinetics, properties, and behavior of colloidal dispersions and their applications.

It was a long winding trail which led Egon Matijević from his birthplace, a small town in

Croatia (he was born 1922, in Otocac), to his position with Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, New York where he has been since 1957, at which he has held the positions of Director of the Institute of Colloid and Surface Science and Chairman of the Department of Chemistry. Thus, the "colloid people" can be grateful that his father's dream for him was never realized; we cannot imagine Egon Matijević standing behind the perfume counter of a drugstore; or, if that had indeed transpired, we certainly would have had a new generation of perfumes!

Anyone who has met Prof. Matijević, even briefly will never forget this sophisticated personality. He has spent extended stays or made visits to many different countries, and has made friends all

over the world. In his own words: "An extrovert, such as I, readily establishes rapport with many individuals, which is a wonderful and rewarding aspect of life" (E. Matijević, "Retrospect," *J. Colloid Interface Sci.* 118 (1987) pp 307–313).

Egon Matijević has received many awards, and the colloid scientists of Germany and the members of the "Kolloid-Gesellschaft e.V." are very proud that he accepted the most prestigious award of the Kolloid-Gesellschaft, the Thomas-Graham-Preis (awarded to him 1985, in Berlin) which, previously had been given to only three scientists: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ostwald (1926); Prof. Dr. E. Erbring (1969), and Prof. Dr. H.W. Kohlschütter (1975).

His association with Steinkopff-Verlag Darmstadt has lasted about 45 years, beginning with publications in *Kolloid Zeitschrift* (now *Colloid & Polymer Science*). In 1965, he accepted the position as regional editor for North and South America, for *Colloid & Polymer Science*.

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von Schiller wrote in his *Maria Stuart*, "I am better than my reputation." We can easily apply the essence of that statement to Egon Matijević.

Professor Matijević enjoys a stellar reputation as a pioneer in his field. Each time his work is cited by other authors, a certain tribute is paid him as one who has made an indelible contribution to scientific endeavor.

Those who have had the pleasure of knowing him personally, or to have worked with him, know him to be a man who exceeds his professional reputation. Egon Matijević is a classic achiever, a man of culture, one who has learned well and taught masterfully, and a gentleman who has greatly benefitted many personal and professional relationships.

We at Steinkopff Verlag wish him all the best that retirement brings (knowing that he will "retire" unlike almost any other), and we thank him for his many years of exemplary professional counsel.

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