



Foreword



Tino Gäumann was born on December 8th 1925 in Tägertschi (BE, Switzerland). After receiving his diploma of an engineer in the natural sciences, he defended a PhD thesis on dielectric increments at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zürich. In the following years he was a lecturer (Privatdozent) of chemistry at the ETHZ. At the same time he was a postdoctoral research associate or an invited professor at several European and American academic institutes: the Royal Technical College in Glasgow (GB), the Physics Department of Duke University (Durham, North Carolina, USA), at Lawrence Radiation Laboratory (Berkeley, CA, USA), the Mellon Institute (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, USA), and the Physical Chemistry Institute in Köln, Germany. In April 1965 he was elected as a professor of thermodynamics, spectroscopy, kinetics and radiation chemistry at EPUL that became EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne) in 1969.

Tino's research interests included microwave and infrared spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, kinetics (heterogeneous catalysis, isotopic exchange), thermodynamics (isotopic effect of physico-chemical properties) and radiation chemistry (hydrocarbons). On the picture is the first commercial Bruker FT-ICR MS produced in Switzerland and installed in Tino's laboratory at EPFL.



In 1993 he was named an honorary professor at EPFL. Thus, Tino will celebrate his 85th birthday this year! We are very much pleased to have Tino among the participants of the 2010 EFTMS.

Thank you, Tino, for your contribution to, particularly, the FTMS field and for the warm and professional atmosphere you create around you!

**Photo of Tino Gäumann: attending CUSO MS School in Mass Spectrometry, Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland, August 2009. Courtesy of Rolf Häfliger.*

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