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Preface

During his academic life, Professor Wolfgang Lindner (Fig. 1) has admirably succeeded in bridging both organic and analytical chemistry. Since the late 1970s, Wolfgang Lindner's research activities have been strongly focused on chromatographic separation techniques and in particular stereoselective separations. He is one of the pioneers in this field and greatly contributed to the dissemination of the technique around the world, making it the most popular method for the analysis of chiral compounds in biological media or those produced synthetically. He was one of the founding fathers of

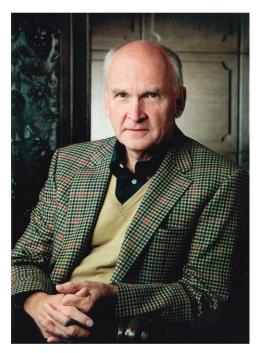


Fig. 1. Professor Wolfgang Lindner.

this new technology in many respects, including the design, synthesis and mechanistic understanding of anion- and cation-exchanger type chiral stationary phases, possessing unique features. His scientific career is driven by his fascination for the molecular recognition concept in chromatography.

His great and successful scientific output is reflected by the impressive number of scientific papers he published in highly respected international journals, by the number of stimulating lectures he gives in many international meetings, and by the numerous awards he received. However, Wolfgang Lindner is not only an unrivalled scientist but he has gained the esteem from all his colleagues through his enthusiasm and friendly personality that has made him a highly respected and appreciated person. We are very glad that so many friends and colleagues have accepted to express their admiration and friendship to Wolfgang by contributing to this special issue dedicated to his 65th birthday.

Happy Birthday Wolfgang! Please accept our warmest congratulation for your 65th birthday!

We know that you are not going to retire and wish you many healthy years full of scientific and personal inspirations. We hope to see you on many upcoming meetings with us.

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