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TRIBUTE

Rudi van Eldik

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Rudi van Eldik on his 65th birthday. Rudi has had enormous impact on coordination chemistry, especially on kinetics and mechanisms of reactions of coordination complexes. Rudi has 10 years experience as Associate Editor and 14 years on the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry* during a time of enormous growth for the Journal. During his service to the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry*, it has grown by a factor of four, publishing over 4000 pages in 2009. I have valued Rudi's contributions to the Journal and hope that they will continue past retirement.

I first met Rudi during his extended visit to the University at Buffalo in 1978, and enjoyed his (and his family's) hospitality during my sabbatical in Frankfurt in 1984 when he was there. We were at different institutes, but the social interactions with Rudi were wonderful and among my fondest memories of my time in Frankfurt.

Rudi van Eldik is widely known for his excellence in research and prolific publishing. However, despite knowing Rudi for 32 years (half our lives!), I did not know until reading the Humboldt Kosmos 94/2009 (pp. 40–43), that Rudi is “Magic Rudi” a rock star of chemical magic shows at the University of Erlangen. Evidently, his drive for excellence extends to his chemical magic show performed for the last 15 years!

Rudi van Eldik is a wonderful person, prolific researcher and innovative educator. I am pleased to consider Rudi a long-time friend and offer sincere and heart-felt congratulations on his 65th birthday and retirement. This “van Eldik Issue” of the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry* represents contributions from some of the many researchers impacted by Rudi during his career. On behalf of all, THANK YOU, RUDI!

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