

The Wallace Brey Symposium

A symposium to honor Professor Wallace S. Brey, Editor of the *Journal of Magnetic Resonance* from 1969 to 1996, was held November 2, 1997 in Gainesville, Florida. The program was organized by C. Russell Bowers to celebrate the year of Professor Brey's 75th birthday and to recognize Professor Brey's scholarly contributions to education and research in the field of magnetic resonance.

A number of Dr. Brey's former students attended the Symposium and several presented papers in the program. Michael D. Cockman talked about research in magnetic resonance imaging, Katherine N. Scott spoke about developments in NMR spectroscopy of patients, Charles L. Watkins discussed applications of NMR to inorganic chemistry, Vincent Heuring described the principles of computers based on optical systems, and John West, most recent of the degree recipients, presented some aspects of his research on NMR studies of highly fluorinated molecules.

Other speakers in the program included Richard W. Briggs, Stanley Opella, Alexander Pines, E. Raymond Andrew, Edward O. Stejskal, and Neresh Dalal, as well as Neil Sullivan, Chair of the Physics Department, and W. W. Harrison, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida. John Eyler, Chairman of the University of Florida Department of Chemistry, presented to Professor Brey a commemorative plaque with the following inscription:

Presented to Professor Wallace S. Brey in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education and research in nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), and his 27 years of distinguished leadership as Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Magnetic Resonance* from its inception in 1969, and his 45 years of exemplary service to the University of Florida Department of Chemistry.

Present in the symposium audience and recognized during the program were two of the individuals who served diligently in the *Journal* office for many years: Jeri Stoner and Barbara Walker. Other past editorial assistants, who were unable to be present, include Pam Herring and Grace Kiltie.

In 1942, Wallace S. Brey graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. degree in chemistry from Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. He obtained the Ph.D. degree in chemistry and physics in 1948 from the University of Pennsylvania and subsequently joined the faculty at DePauw University. Following a three-year period as associate professor at St. Joseph's College, he joined the faculty of the University of Florida, where he has taught and directed an active research program ever since. He has served terms as the program director for the Structural Chemistry Program at NSF and as visiting professor at the University of Aarhus, Denmark.

Dr. Brey is recognized internationally as a pioneer in the development of experimental NMR techniques and their applications in chemistry and physics. His current special interests include the development and application of magnetic resonance techniques to the study of catalysts, relaxation, intermolecular interactions, and molecular structure. He is well known for his use of NMR to determine the structure and conformation of highly fluorinated molecules. One of his more notable innovations, in collaboration with Thomas H. Mareci, was the extension of NMR to three dimensions. To date, Dr. Brey has graduated a total of 20 Ph.D. and 12 M.S. students and has supervised the work of 15 postdoctorals and numerous undergraduates. He has published abundantly in the field of NMR applied to problems in chemistry and physics. He has also authored numerous book chapters, and edited (and wrote two chapters of) the authoritative book "Pulse Methods in 1D and 2D Liquid-Phase NMR."

Professor Brey is perhaps best known for his tenure as Editor of the *Journal of Magnetic Resonance*, from its founding in 1969 until 1996. His guidance of the *Journal*, which he so masterfully edited during its formative years and the subsequent explosive growth of magnetic resonance, was instrumental in making *JMR* the influential publication it is today. His skill in handling the personal interactions with authors and reviewers, as well as the scientific and stylistic content of the *Journal*, has contributed much to the promotion and development of the field of magnetic resonance. On behalf of the entire scientific community who use magnetic resonance, as well as many others who have benefited from its applications in myriad fields, we thank him for his years of devoted service to the *Journal*.

Richard W. Briggs*

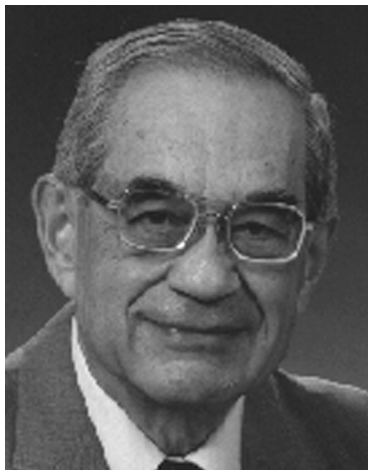
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