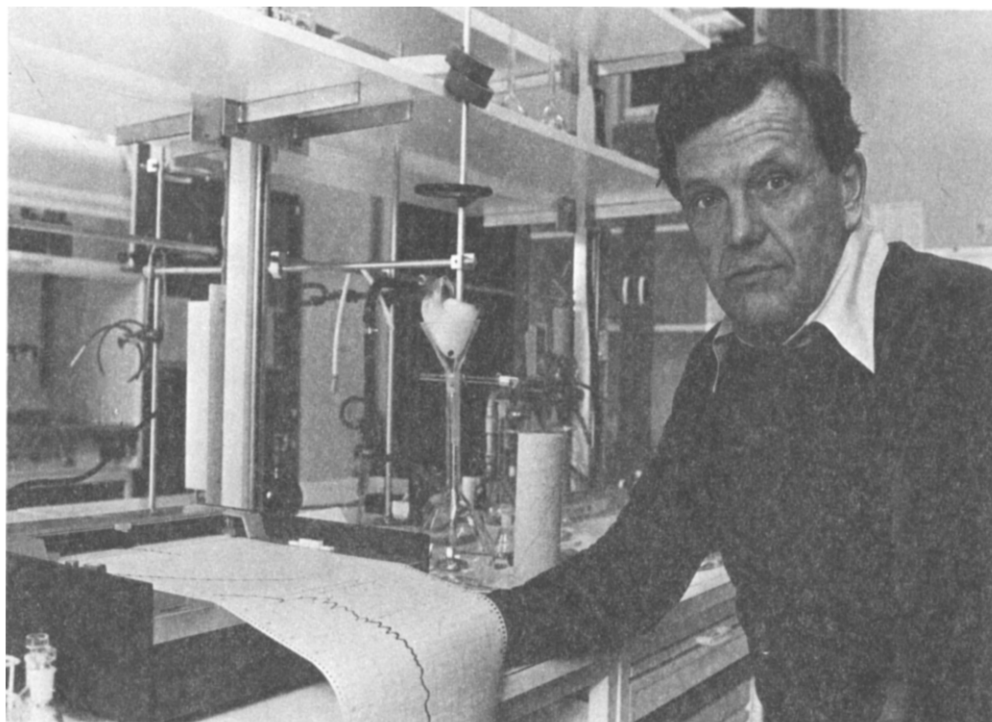


Professor Göran Schill



Göran Schill was born in Nässjö, Sweden, in 1918, and received his basic education in Jönköping. In 1943 he was licensed as a pharmacist at the Royal Institute of Pharmacy in Stockholm. After working at the Military Pharmacy in Stockholm from 1944 to 1947 as head of the Analytical Control Laboratory, he returned to the Institute of Pharmacy, the only school of pharmaceutical education in Sweden. As a Reader and Associate Professor of analytical pharmaceutical chemistry, Göran Schill received early recognition for his attempts to modernize the ways of teaching and understanding analytical chemistry, a contribution appreciated by all pharmacists active within the various analytical laboratories in Sweden today.

In 1968 the Royal Institute of Pharmacy became the present Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Uppsala. At the same time pharmaceutical education was reorganized by the efforts of a committee, which included Göran Schill, as a very active and expert member. In the meantime he also completed his Doctoral thesis in 1965: "Isolation and determination of amines and quaternary ammonium ions as complexes". This fundamental work created the basis for the subsequent studies on ion-pair phenomena that were pursued by the research group he established in his department.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Göran Schill, who in 1968 became a full professor of Analytical Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Uppsala, fundamental research work was initiated in several areas, especially on the mechanism of ion-pair extraction and ion-pair techniques in chromatography. These activities also included research on the determination of physiologically active compounds in biological materials, both by gas and liquid chromatography. The breadth of this research work is strongly reflected in the 35 theses published from his department between 1971 and 1984. A large number of the theses described work on liquid chromatography, of course, including the first publication on ion-pair liquid chromatography in 1965.

His strong interest in education has also been reflected in activities within the Swedish pharmaceutical organizations. Göran Schill was the chairman from 1956 to 1971 of a committee on educational activities for pharmacists within the Swedish Pharmaceutical Society. As a member of the board of this organization from 1971 to 1984, he continued to develop activities to support both basic education and scientific development. He was clearly instrumental in promoting the international symposia organized over many years by the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences. These have been of great importance in establishing international contacts for many Swedish scientists working within the biomedical and pharmaceutical fields.

Göran Schill has been a member of the board of the Analytical Section within the Swedish Chemical Society from 1957 to 1984, acting as chairman from 1961 to 1963. The scientific achievements of the department of Analytical Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Uppsala have resulted in many international contacts. Göran Schill's important contributions to ion-pair chromatography led to his involvement as a member of the permanent organizing committee for the well-known series of 'International Symposia on Column Liquid Chromatography'.

His retirement from the chair in Analytical Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Uppsala by no means indicates that Göran Schill is withdrawing from scientific work, as evidenced by the fact that he is spending 1985 with colleagues at the FDA, Washington DC, USA. For many years to come his colleagues in Sweden look forward to seeing him here in Sweden for continued co-operation on the advancement of chromatographic techniques and their application in the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences.

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