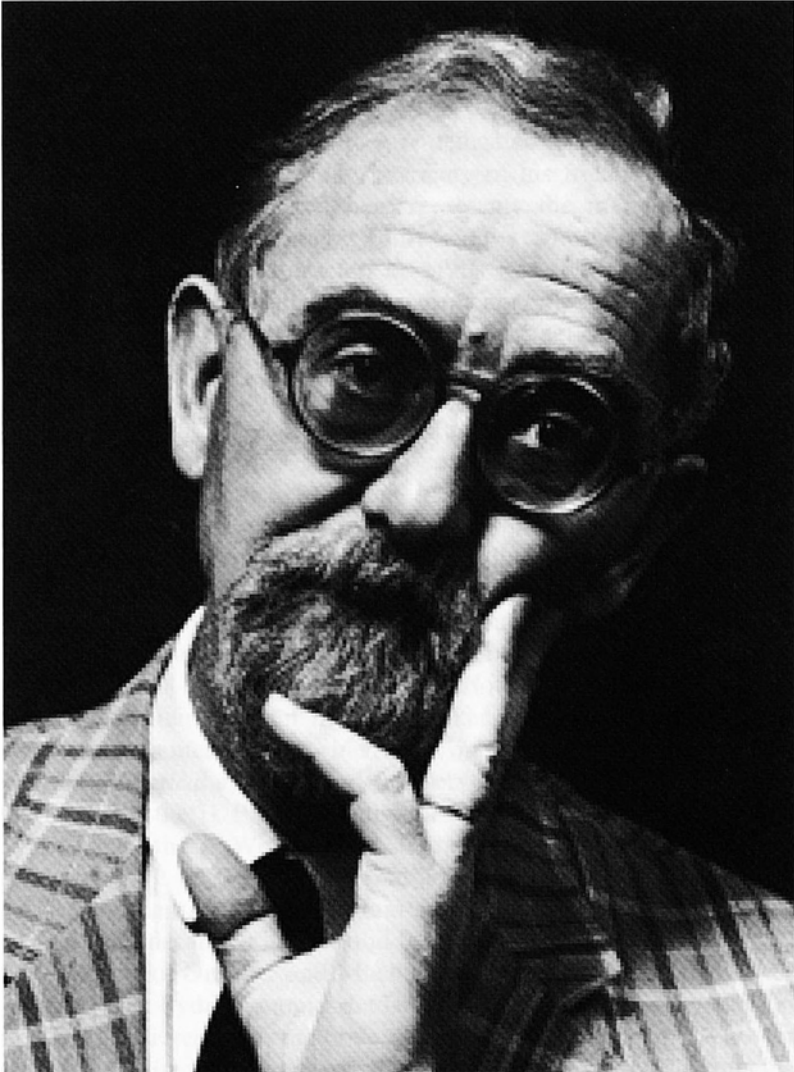


## **Preface**

It is a great pleasure to have this issue of the *Journal of Statistical Physics* dedicated to Matthieu H. Ernst, a distinguished scientist and old friend. As described in detail by J. Dufty, R. Brito, and J. R. Dorfman in the Introduction, Matthieu's work is in the tradition of the Dutch school—solid and thorough.



I am confident that I speak for the whole statistical mechanics community in wishing Matthieu a very happy birthday and many more joyous years of productive scientific work.

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