

Preface

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It gives me a great pleasure to dedicate this issue of the *Journal of Statistical Physics* to Pierre Hohenberg and Jim Langer: two distinguished scientists who have made seminal contributions to our subject. I have known both Jim and Pierre as very good friends for a very long time and have learned much from them about science, as well as about the way scientists should respond to social issues. Their activities on behalf of human rights of scientists and for the dissemination of science are examples for all of us. They have also done and continue to do superb work in the administration of academia. The occasion for this volume is their ascension to senior status.

Fortunately both Pierre and Jim in good health and very active. It is with great enthusiasm that I wish them, personally and on behalf of the contributors to this volume and the entire scientific community, many happy active years filled with joy and good fortune. May we all continue to enjoy your science and wisdom for many years to come.

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