

## Preface

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Two very special colleagues and friends, Jürg Fröhlich and Tom Spencer, recently turned sixty. On this occasion, it is our great pleasure to present them with this dedicated issue of the Journal of Statistical Physics containing contributions by many of their friends and colleagues.

Jürg and Tom have made many impressive contributions to physics and, in particular, to statistical physics. Some of these resulted from their collaborating with each other during many years of friendship. Distinctive traits of their work are the attention given to sound physical concepts, the importance of the models considered, and last but not least, the mathematical ingenuity of the analysis. Their influence on several generations of mathematical physicists is described in detail in Barry Simon's contribution to this issue.

We have known Jürg and Tom for many years, as our colleagues, teachers, or collaborators. No matter what was the relationship, we always enjoyed their insight, advice, and inspiration, for all of which we feel grateful. We wish them many more fruitful years both in science and in life, shared with their wonderful life companions Eva and Bridget.

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