

PREFACE

Viele sind berufen, aber wenig sind auserwählet

It is indeed a privilege, and a singular pleasure to be involved in honouring a distinguished colleague and contemporary Prof. Dr. Hans J. Seifert on the occasion of the publication of this Laudato volume at the auspicious time of his 60th birthday. I use the word auspicious advisedly as Hans is still a youngish man and undoubtedly has much still to contribute to science in general and thermal analysis in particular. To this we look forward with anticipation.

The idea of recognition of leading scientists by a commemorative scientific meeting and or special volume at this relatively early age has great merit. It enables all concerned to participate whilst in the prime of life rather than later when unfortunately nature has inevitably reduced the numbers who would have greatly enjoyed participating.

Further, it enables the next generation to realize that scientists so honoured, continue the active research and publication roles on which their reputations so justifiably were built. It is to be hoped therefore that younger scientists will not hesitate to contact such leaders to avail themselves of the accumulated knowledge of decades of successful scientific achievement which unquestionably Hans Seifert will unstintingly and with pleasure share.

There is an English saying "that behind every successful man is an outstanding woman" which applies par excellence to Mrs. Seifert, for Tilly has endeared herself to the large number of the ICTA fraternity and numerous others who have had the pleasure of meeting her.

Personally and on behalf of the International Confederation for Thermal Analysis I most warmly congratulate Hans Seifert on a life full of achievement and the recognition represented by this commemorative volume of outstanding papers which his peers have written as a mark of their esteem.

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