



In memoriam:

Reimund Stadler, Editor of Polymer Bulletin

On June 14, Professor Reimund Stadler passed away at the age of 41, at the peak of his career. We, his colleagues, his students and friends, are shocked by his untimely death. Reimund was born in Stühlingen, in the Black Forest, and to complete the circle, he has been laid to rest there. He studied chemistry in Freiburg, with a fellowship of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, and he wrote his PhD thesis in the group of Wolfram Gronski on “Viscoelasticity and stress-induced crystallization in thermoplastic elastomers”. From 1984 onward, he took part, with enthusiasm and success, in our joint project to develop a polymer science group at the Universidade Federal in Porto Alegre (Brasil). As a university assistant in my group at the Freiburg Institute for Macromolecular Chemistry, he created the scientific basis for his *Habilitation* and the *venia legendi*, in 1988.

Reimund Stadler’s unique ability to combine high-level preparative chemistry with the art of analytical chemistry and application-related rheology enabled him to solve fundamental problems of structure-property relations of thermoreversible and of permanent networks. With hydrogen-bridge governed and covalently bound structures, he succeeded in realizing and visualizing novel supramolecular self-organizing systems of high complexity. One of the many highlights of his scientific work are amorphous triblockcopolymers, which organize solely by thermodynamic drive.

Reimund was honored in 1989 with the Gerhard Hess award of the DFG, and with the award for chemistry docents of the Fund of the Chemical Industry. In 1989 he accepted the position of Associate Professor for Organic and Macromolecular Chemistry in Mainz. From 1991 onward, he was Full Professor there. From May 1997 onward, he had a Chair for Macromolecular Chemistry at the Bayreuth University and was also a member of the application-devoted Institute for Makromolekülforschung at the same time. He was the driving force in founding the DFG Sonderforschungsbereich „Complex macromolecular and hybrid systems in internal and external fields”, and he would have been its first speaker.

The international polymer science community has not only lost an exceptional scientist and teacher, but also a friend, who brought us together for productive joint work. We would like to express our deep sympathy for his wife and children.

Requiescat in pace

Handwritten signature of Hans-Joachim Cantow in black ink.

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