

## Editorial

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With this issue of the European Physical Journal C, Dieter Haidt retires from his position as Editor-in-Chief. For 13 years, from 1994 to 2006, he was responsible for the experimental part of this journal. With his profound theoretical knowledge and experimental skills, Dieter Haidt has guided, formed and determined the journal in a very intense and effective manner. In the name of the publishers and the members of the board of editors, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to Dieter, whose devotion and enthusiasm will continue to be with us and guide us, as a counsellor, for some more time.

Dieter Haidt will be followed by Siegfried Bethke, director at the Munich Max-Planck-Institute of Physics, who takes over the task of Director-in-Chief starting with the publication of this issue of the European Physical Journal C. Such an occasion usually entails modifications and updates of the direction and the organisation of the journal. A first implication, namely an update of the physics topics of this journal, may already have been recognised by the reader.

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