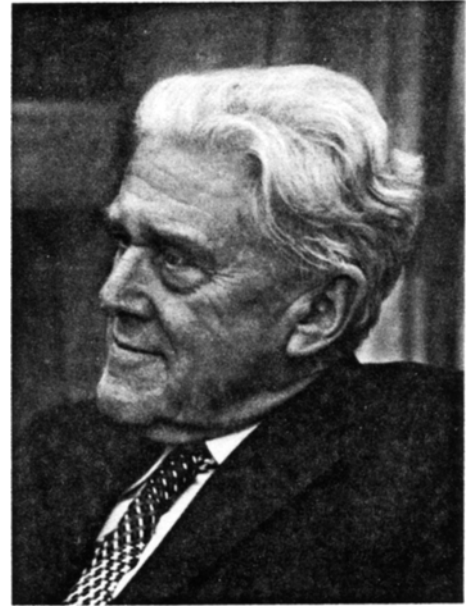


Prof. Dr. Georg Melchers 75 Years Old



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Has anyone realized that Professor Georg Melchers has turned 75? It would be extremely difficult to guess as his capacity for work and his active life-style certainly belie his age.

Anyone who has had the pleasure and/or the pain of having regular contact with him is familiar with his energy, expressivity and unequivocal stands on issues. He has been a scientist for more than half a century, is still active as a researcher and even more active than ever in the politics of science and research with republican leanings. He is an ever contributing co-editor of TAG and a critical managing editor of MGG.

For these facts alone he deserves more recognition than can be given.

It is well known that there are people who are afraid to receive a letter with his handwriting. But there are more people, and these writers confess to belong to this group of admirers, who enjoy Professor Melchers rather erratic outbursts.

Georg Melchers is known to his friends as being a broad-minded, world-oriented, blustery-type person, ready to open new fields of research long before others even perceived these. Even his non-admirers respect him for being a straight-forward blunt fighter. Everybody knows that Professor Melchers hates to be placed into the center of attention. We have learned, however, to live with his peculiarities and thus feel confident enough to send him this message of our candid good wishes to his new laboratories which dominate the roofs of Tübingen.

We realize that these congratulations, expressed in the name of the publisher, his friends and colleagues, will reap a magnificent outburst of abuse from him in return. But this intimidating thought will not withhold our affections and admiration.

We wish Georg Melchers many more years of satisfying and successful research, good health with which to climb in the Tyrolian mountains around Trins, and the energy to travel around in the world.

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