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In Memoriam

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Hermann Hartmann, nestor of theoretical chemistry in post-war Germany and founder of *Theoretica Chimica Acta*, died on October 22, 1984. He was born on May 4, 1914. During the 1930s he studied, among other subjects, physics and chemistry with Sommerfeld, Hieber, and Clusius in Munich. In 1952 he was appointed to the chair of physical chemistry at the Goethe University in Frankfurt. His team of scientists made important contributions to the development and application of quantum chemistry. Their achievements in ligand field theory were especially significant. Professor Hartmann was elected a member of various academies and societies, including the "Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina," the "Akademie der Wissenschaften und Literatur zu Mainz," and the "International Academy of Quantum Molecules Science."

Dr. Hartmann devoted a significant portion of his life to promoting his idea of a comprehensive science, centered on the humanistic ideal of a *homo universalis*. *Theoretica Acta* therefore offers a broad spectrum of theoretical methods and approaches.

A few weeks before his unexpected death he arranged for the editorship of *Theoretica Chimica Acta* to be transferred to a younger colleague.

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