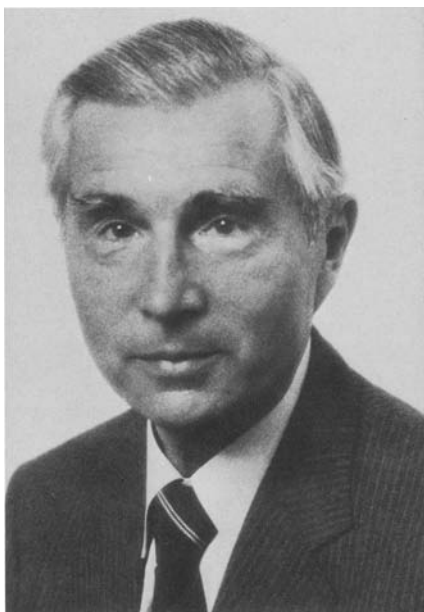


***In honour of Gerhard Seifert
on the occasion of his 65th birthday***



On 9 September 1986 Gerhard Seifert will celebrate his 65th birthday. Born in Leipzig, the son of a self-employed merchant, Johannes Seifert, and his wife Rosa (née Starke), he attended the König Albert Grammar School in his home town. In 1940 he passed his final school examination (*Reifeprüfung*) and was drafted into the German Army. His military service during the Second World War was spent in the tanks corps. However, he was repeatedly released from duty so that he could pursue his studies in medicine. In 1947 Gerhard Seifert passed his state examination at the University of Leipzig and in the same year gained his doctorate. His doctoral thesis was entitled: *Über die Lymphknotentuberkulose des Erwachsenen in den Hungerjahren 1945 und 1946*. In 1950 he married Leonore Sallmann, a teacher.

After a short period as a clinician, Gerhard Seifert turned to anatomy and pathology. His mentor was Professor Heinrich Bredt, who at that time was also in Leipzig. In 1955, he qualified as a university lecturer (*Habilitation*) with a thesis on the pathology of the child's pancreas. From 1958 he worked with Professor Willy Giese at the Pathology Institute of the Westfälische Wilhelms University in Münster (Westphalia). In 1961 Gerhard Seifert was appointed Associate Professor and in 1965 accepted the post of Full Professor of General Pathology and Morbid

Anatomy at the University of Hamburg. He has been Head of the Institute of Pathology at the University of Hamburg for 21 years!

The work of Gerhard Seifert is both imaginative and inspired. He has published almost 300 scientific articles, his main fields of interest being the pathology of the pancreas and the salivary glands; the pathological anatomy of virus infections and of the internal salivary glands, of calciphylaxis and especially of extrasosseous calcification; the whole area of oral pathology as well as bronchopulmonary diseases. In 1965 he founded the "Salivary Gland Register" of the German Society of Pathology at the University of Hamburg.

Gerhard Seifert has a talent for relating the results of basic immunological research to cellular and subcellular pathology. He has greatly enriched the methodological repertoire in the field of cell markers and cell receptors and, despite paying great attention to detail, does not lose sight of true relationships between mechanisms in the development of disease in humans. Gerhard Seifert is co-editor of *Spezielle pathologische Anatomie* (W. Doerr, E. Uehlinger), *Handbuch der Allgemeinen Pathologie* (together with H.-W. Altmann, F. Büchner et al.), *Veröffentlichungen aus der Pathologie (Progress in Pathology)*, *Current Topics in Pathology*, as well as of numerous journals (*Virchows Archiv A*, *Der Pathologe*, *Klinische Wochenschrift*, *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Mund-, Kiefer- und Gesichtschirurgie*). He was been a member of the editorial board of *Virchows Archiv A* since 1968. On 1 April 1986 he became Managing Editor of the journal, which is steeped in tradition. From 1968 to 1971, he was Secretary of the German Society of Pathology and, as such, was editor of the proceedings of the society during this time.

Gerhard Seifert has been President of the German Society for Digestive and Metabolic Illnesses (1977–1978), President of the German Division of the International Academy of Pathology (1979–1985) and President of the German Society of Pathology (1985–1986); he is currently President of the European Society of Pathology (1985–1987).

His brilliant perception and extraordinarily comprehensive general knowledge make Gerhard Seifert such an outstanding personality; as an administrator he is both efficient and reliable. Of the many honours he has received, only the following can be mentioned here: the Lisec-Artz Prize of the University of Bonn (1979–1980) and his membership in the German Academy of Researchers in the Natural Sciences "Leopoldina" (Halle). On behalf of Springer-Verlag, his pupils and friends, and the members of the editorial board, we would like to extend our congratulations to Gerhard Seifert on the occasion of his 65th birthday. We thank him most sincerely for all of his work on the journal and wish him the best of health and great success in all aspects of his future work.

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