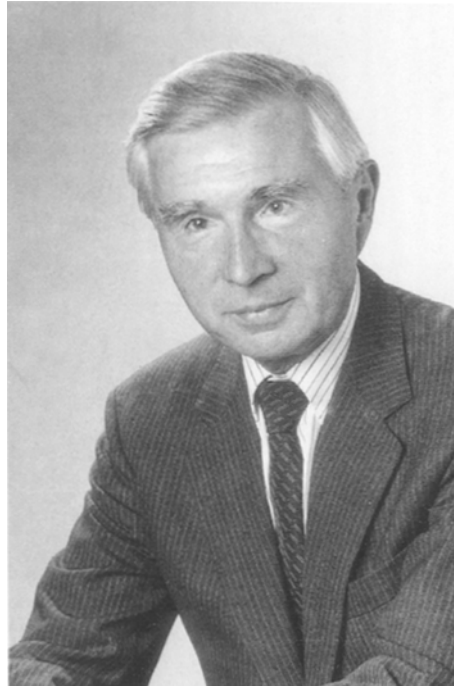


**Professor Dr. Gerhard Seifert
Joint Managing Editor
of *Virchows Archiv A*
from 1986 to 1993**



Professor Gerhard Seifert joined the Editorial Board of *Virchows Archiv A* in March 1968. His international reputation in the field of salivary gland tumours was only one of the reasons for the invitation by the publishers; he was also well known for his enormous industry and application, his experience in all aspects of our discipline and the wide-ranging, informed comment he was able to make as an active and widely respected surgical pathologist. His duties as chairman of the Institute of Pathology of the University of Hamburg and as Secretary to the German Society of Pathology did not prevent him becoming an editor of the Journal in 1968 and Joint Managing Editor in 1986; he has filled this office with typical enthusiasm and attention to detail.

In writing about the retirement from office of his predecessor, Wilhelm Doerr, I commented on how a difficult task will always bring out the best in a talented person. An editor must not merely be critical, he must be helpful, seeking always to improve what is worthy of record, so that the process of documentation enhances and emphasizes a message. Authors are necessarily deeply immersed in their work and it is often the critical view of an editor, thinking of a wide readership, that enables the framework of presentation to be broadened to involve more and more of our colleagues. Gerhard Seifert has given generously of his time to achieve this objective.

As he retires, so a radical change occurs in *Virchows Archiv*: *Virchows Archiv A* and *B* will merge in 1994. It is entirely appropriate that this note of sincere thanks appears in the final volume of what is currently *Virchows Archiv A* – it is always from ashes that a phoenix arises.

Sir Colin Berry (on behalf of the other Managing Editors)