

EDITORIAL

PROFESSOR MAURICE WELSCH

WE WISH to congratulate Professor Welsch on the occasion of his 63rd Birthday. It is a pleasure to his colleagues to know that his outstanding qualities have been recognized by his election as Rector of the University of Liège. But we regret that this means that he will not be able to devote so much of his valuable time to our Journal. He has been obliged to resign the Editorship for Continental Europe. This he has held since the foundation of *Biochemical Pharmacology*. His colleagues wish to thank him most sincerely. He has fulfilled his duties not only most competently and with scrupulous regularity, but also with much generosity. With his gracious personality, he has collaborated happily and excellently with the London Executive Editor, Professor Peter Alexander. His efficiency augurs well for his new position in the University. We are pleased to announce that he has agreed to serve as a Vice-Chairman of the Board.

It should be remembered that Professor Welsch has had a wide research experience; he pioneered work from 1937 to 1947 on the bacteriolytic enzymes from *Streptomyces*. This discovery led him to the study of the mechanisms of action of bacteriolysis and bacteriostasis by enzymes, bacteriophages and antibiotics. He founded and still directs, in collaboration with W.H.O., the International Centre for Information on Antibiotics (I.C.I.A.), an organization which publishes a yearly information bulletin, which is very useful for the scientists engaged in antimicrobial and anticancer chemotherapy. Professor Welsch was President of the International Society of Chemotherapy at the time of the VIIth International Congress of Chemotherapy in Prague (1971). Our good wishes go with him in his new appointment.

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