

Editorial

This special issue of Biophysical Chemistry contains a collection of papers dedicated to Professor Manfred Eigen on the occasion of his 60th birthday – 9th May 1987. The Editors and the Publisher of Biophysical Chemistry are glad to honour by this special issue one of the leading physical chemists of our time, who has not only contributed significantly to one of the fields falling within the scope of this journal but has also given full support to Biophysical Chemistry by being a member of its Advisory Editorial Board since its earliest days.

The Editors are very grateful to Professors H. Gutfreund and E. Neumann who have accepted the task of being Guest Editors for this dedicatory issue, the *Manfred Eigen Festschrift*. In choosing the contributors to this Festschrift the Guest Editors have addressed themselves mainly to former co-workers of Professor Eigen and to a few other colleagues who have had close contacts with him in recent years. This has resulted in the twenty-four papers on various subjects collected in this issue. Should time have permitted and had the page limitations of this issue not been imposed, many more scientists would surely have been more than willing to add their contributions to the present Festschrift.

In presenting this issue to Professor Manfred Eigen, the Editors of Biophysical Chemistry would like to add their best wishes on the occasion of his 60th birthday and express their hope that he will be able to remain on the Advisory Editorial Board for many more years to come.

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