

Proceeding The 39th General Meeting of the Kolloid-Gesellschaft was held at the University of Würzburg from September 27–September 30, 1999. It was organized by I. Zimmermann (Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology at the University of Würzburg). The topic of the meeting was “Fluid interfaces and amphiphilic structures”. Most of the presentations will be published in this and the next regular issue of *Colloid and Polymer Science*.

During the meeting the Wolfgang Ostwald Prize was awarded to A. W. Neumann, University of Toronto, Canada. H. Rehage, University of Essen, received the Raphael Eduard Liesegang Prize. Poster prizes were awarded to A. F. Thünemann and J. Beyermann (immobilization of retinoic acid by polyamino acids: lamellar

structured nanoparticles) and J. Berghausen, J. Zipfel, W. Richtering, and P. Lindner (influence of shear on lyotropic lamellar phases modified by water-soluble polymers).

The general meeting was followed by a symposium “Colloid chemical aspects in pharmacy, food science and cosmetics”. This symposium was dedicated to Prof. Dr. H. Rupprecht on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Regensburg.

We are very thankful to I. Zimmermann for organizing the general meeting and the symposium.

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After a period of 8 years, Milan Schwuger retired as the president of the Kolloid-Gesellschaft. He was very active and successful in improving the scientific quality of the meetings, in institutionalizing the Wolfgang Ostwald colloquia, the international meetings, and, together with G. Findenegg and H. Möhwald, the “Nachwuchstage” for young scientists. He strengthened the interaction with other scientific groups. The members of the Kolloid-Gesellschaft are very grateful to him and appreciate his efforts during his presidency.

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