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## Announcing Transfer of Editorship

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Prof. Richter, Prof. Kremer, Prof. Lagaly (from left to right)

The *Colloid and Polymer Science* editorship for the colloid part of the journal has been transferred from Prof. Gerhard Lagaly to Prof. Walter Richter.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gerhard Lagaly very much for the constant and highly valued effort he put into his editorship for *Colloid and Polymer Science* and for his open-hearted and open-minded personal approach to his editorial duties. A few words on the scientific career of Professor Lagaly:

Gerhard Lagaly was born 1938 in Friesenheim, near Ludwigshafen. In 1957, he became a student of chemistry at the University of Heidelberg and obtained the degree of “Diplom-

Chemiker” in 1962. During his thesis under the supervision of Armin Weiss he became so fascinated by clay–organic reactions that he still adheres to this field of research. Professor Lagaly received his “Habilitation” in 1971 at the University of Munich. Three years later he was appointed as a full professor for inorganic chemistry at the University of Kiel and, a few years later, was nominated as a head of the institute. Gerhard Lagaly has been the secretary and vice-president of the Kolloid-Gesellschaft since 1979. From 1986 to 1992 he was the president of the German Clay Group (DTTG). In 1996, he was selected as the president of the European Clay Groups Association.

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Besides his position as one of the principal editors of *Colloid and Polymer Science* and *Progress in Colloid and Polymer Science*, he has been the editor of *Applied Clay Science* since 1996.

Gerhard Lagaly took over the editorial duties for *Colloid and Polymer Science* in 1987 as the successor of Armin Weiss. Coeditor for the polymer part was H.G. Kilian, who was followed by F. Kremer in 1994. The publisher changed from Steinkopff to Springer in 1999. Throughout this time, Professor Lagaly cooperated with the regional editors, B. Lindmann, E. Matijević, M. Nakagaki (and now H. Ohshima), and R.H. Ottewill, and the coeditors, H. G. Kilian and F. Kremer.

At the same time the publisher and F. Kremer are pleased to have gained Walter Richtering as the new editor for the colloid part of *Colloid and Polymer Science*.

Walter Richtering was born in 1962 in Göttingen. He studied chemistry at the Ruhr University in Bochum and the Albert Ludwigs University in Freiburg, where he received his "Diplom-Chemiker" degree in 1986. He carried out his subsequent scientific work under the supervision of Prof. Walther Burchard at the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, University of Freiburg, and finished with his thesis on "semi-dilute solutions of liquid crystalline polymers" in March 1990. Walter Richtering gained a deeper insight into rheology through his work with Professor Lenz and Professor Winter at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst on rheological investigations of biodegradable thermoplastic elastomers and epoxy resins. He received his "Habilitation" in 1996 at the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry in Freiburg with Rolf Mülhaupt. In

November 1999, Walter Richtering declined the professorship for "coating technology" at the Department of Chemical Engineering and Chemistry at the Technical University of Eindhoven, The Netherlands, and accepted the professorship for physical chemistry at the University of Kiel in January 2000. In September 2003, he received the position as a full professor and chair for physical chemistry at the RWTH Aachen.

Walter Richtering was given a stipend of the "Graduiertenkolleg Polymerwissenschaften" and a Feodor Lynen Fellowship of the Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung. In 2003, he received the Raphael Eduard Liesegang Prize of the German Colloid Society.

We ask all contributors to *Colloid and Polymer Science* to continue their cooperation with Professor Richtering in the same positive way they did with Professor Lagaly.

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