

Festschrift to recognize the contribution of Klaus Arnold to the field of biophysics on the occasion of his 65th birthday

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This special issue of the European Biophysics Journal was assembled as a Festschrift on the occasion of Professor Klaus Arnold's 65th birthday in May of 2007. During Prof. Arnold's professional career, which has spanned some 40 years, he educated scores of aspiring biophysicists and collaborated with colleagues from all over the globe, making him one of Europe's best-known "classical" membrane biophysicists. It was our idea to invite his close colleagues, previous students, and friends to contribute to this special issue. We asked about 25 colleagues if they would be interested in contributing to the Festschrift and were overwhelmed by the extremely positive response to our inquiry. Nearly

everyone agreed to write a contribution and submitted it, for the most part, on time. This is, perhaps, the best testimony for Klaus Arnold's legacy. It has been a pleasure reading those research papers and reviews of such outstanding quality. This collection represents a rather comprehensive survey of modern biophysical research, while somewhat tilted towards the past and current scientific interests of the honoree. We would like to thank all the authors, the editor Tony Watts, and the entire editorial team of European Biophysics Journal for their great support. It has been a pleasure to work with you on this project.

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