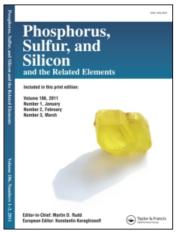
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PREFACE



Professor Reinhard Schmutzler

It is with great pleasure that this volume is dedicated to Professor Reinhard Schmutzler on the occasion of his 60th birthday. To honor him, some of his many friends active in the area have submitted timely articles for inclusion in this special issue. These comprise a wide range of topics as the table of contents illustrates. In addition, several papers dedicated to Professor Schmutzler have been published in previous issues of our journal: Ekkehard Fluck, Klaus Bieger, Gernot Heckmann, Frank Weller, Hartmut Bögge, 90, 59 (1994); Ludwig Maier and Peter J. Diel, 90, 259 (1994); and Alexander A. Kolomeitsev, Yurij, L. Yagupolskij, Andreas Gentzsch, Enno Lork and Gerd-Volker Röschenthaler, 92, 179 (1994).

We all know Professor Schmutzler as an extremely active and exceptional scientist who has maintained a deep and commanding interest in phosphorus chemistry. During his career, he has had the good fortune to have his charming wife Gudrun constantly at his side. Their son, Armin, received his diploma in mathematics and Ph.D. in economics and has embarked on a teaching career. Their daughter, Barbara, an accomplished musician, is a member of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

Professor Schmutzler was born in Nürnberg, Germany on July 28, 1934. He received his early schooling there and then entered the University of Würzburg. He did his Ph.D. thesis with Professor F. Seel on "Fluorophosphine Complexes of Nickel," and was awarded the Ph.D. degree, September 19, 1960, at the Technische Hochschule, Stuttgart. Following this, he assumed a position at E. I. Du Pont de Nemours in Wilmington, Delaware, USA, as a Research Chemist. He remained there for several years, October 1960-September 1966, with time out as a postdoctoral Research Fellow with Professor H. J. Emeléus, F. R. S., at the University Chemical Laboratory, Cambridge, England. During this very productive

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period, he greatly expanded the area of phosphorus-fluorine chemistry. This and subsequent work resulted in a series of over 40 papers centered on this area of research. This led to many new synthetic routes and an elucidation of structural properties, particularly of nonrigid five-coordinated phosphorus compounds.

Reinhard then served as a Senior Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Technology in Loughborough, Leicestershire, England, for two years before assuming his present position in January 1969 as Professor of Chemistry at the Technische Universität in Braunschweig, Germany. His research which has been reported in over 350 publications has covered an extensive array of topics, especially involving phosphorus and fluorine, phosphorus-nitrogen chemistry, stereochemistry and fluxional behavior of phosphoranes and sulfuranes, mixed valence phosphorus-phosphorus bonded compounds, coordination chemistry of phosphine and phosphinite ligands, and coordination chemistry of transition metals, especially platinum. He is a member of the German Chemical Society and the American Chemical Society and also is a member of the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Fluorine Chemistry and Heteroatom Chemistry in addition to Phosphorus, Sulfur, and Silicon and the Related Elements.

A symposium in honor of Professor Schmutzler was held in Braunschweig on August 26, 1994, on the occasion of his 60th birthday, which was attended by many of his former coworkers and colleagues. Papers were presented by Dr. A. J. Arduengo from du Pont de Nemours, Wilmington, Delaware; Professor The Lord Lewis, F. R S., from Cambridge, England; Professor B. F. G. Johnson, F. R. S., Edinburgh, Scotland; and Professor J. F. Nixon, F. R. S., Brighton, England.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Reinhard on his achievements and wish him continued success in the future.

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