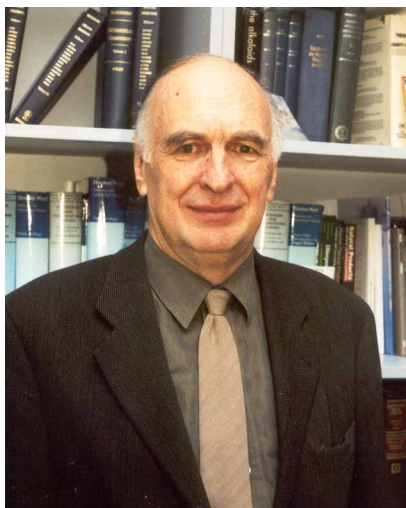

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Editorial



Prof. Wolfgang Steglich

Dear Authors and Readers,

In this issue of SYNTHESIS twelve publications are dedicated to **Professor Wolfgang Steglich** on the occasion of his 70th birthday. The editors of SYNTHESIS would like to join his colleagues and friends to congratulate him and to wish him continued success, satisfaction, and happiness. Wolfgang Steglich is one of our premier synthetic organic chemists (440 publications, 28 patents), who made seminal contributions in the area of natural compounds (isolation, structural elucidation, and total synthesis). He developed many important synthetic methods (amino acids, heterocycles, acylation catalysts, first asymmetric Mannich reaction) to name just a few. A highlight of his research is the discovery of the strobilurins (together with Prof. Timm Anke), which led to a novel class of fungicides in agricultural chemistry. Wolfgang Steglich has nicely combined his profession and hobby as a passionate mushroom collector and we wish him to find yet another new species, such as *Galerina steglichii* Besl named after him!

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