Congratulations

On November 15, Professor Hans Schaefer celebrated his 75th birthday. For decades, his name has been closely associated with skin physiological research activities, specifically the penetration and storage of topically applied substances in the skin. To date, Professor Hans Schaefer has published more than 250 articles and edited 8 books. His book *Skin Barrier – Principles of Percutaneous Absorption* is a standard work in the field of skin physiology.

Hans Schaefer completed his PhD of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Bonn in Germany. From 1965 to 1969, he was head of the dermatological laboratory at Thomae, a pharmaceutical company in Biberach, Germany. In 1969, he joined the Free University of Berlin and was appointed head of the research laboratory of the Department of Dermatology at the Rudolf Virchow Hospital. In 1972, Hans Schaefer was appointed professor of biochemistry in dermatology. In 1978–1979, he was invited as a visiting professor to the dermatological department of the Medical School at Stanford University. In 1979, he joined the cosmetics company L'Oréal as director of the Department of Biology. At the same time he founded the Centre International des Recherches Dermatologiques in Sophia Antipolis in the south of France, of which he was managing director until 1992.

In 1996, Professor Hans Schaefer founded, together with Professor Wolfram Sterry, the Center of Experimental and Applied Cutaneous Physiology at the Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Allergology of the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. This center has developed since then to become one of the leading international research institutions in the field of skin physiology.

Hans Schaefer

For many years, Professor Hans Schaefer had been the editor of the Journal *Skin Pharmacology* founded in 1988. He was also one of the founders of the International Society of Skin Pharmacology (ISP). He continues to be a major contributor to the development and success of the journal and the society.

We wish Professor Hans Schaefer continuing good health, success and creative energy for the years to come.

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Lademann, Editor
Dr. Thomas Karger, Chairman of S. Karger AG
Dr. Joachim Fluhr, President of ISP