

EDITORIAL

ANNUAL ISSUE OF THE RIGAKU JOURNAL, AND CONGRATULATION TO DR. VICTOR BUHRKE

The Rigaku Journal was first published in 1984 and is now twenty two years old. The Journal has published hundreds of technical articles and has been a major publication for the Rigaku Corporation to communicate with its customers and potential users. In view of the popularity of the Internet, we decide to redesign the Rigaku web site so that we can report new Rigaku developments and products as soon as they occur. Rigaku customers and potential users can access to these new information directly on the Rigaku web site. Instead of publishing bi-annually, The Rigaku Journal will now be published annually in May each year. It will continue to publish invited and contributed technical articles related to a wide range of X-ray diffraction and fluorescence applications.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Victor Buhrke of the Buhrke Company, California for receiving the 2005 Jenkins Award. The Award was presented to Dr. Buhrke in August 2005 at the 54th Annual Denver X-ray Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA. The Award recognized the life-long outstanding contributions to the X-ray diffraction and fluorescence community by Dr. Buhrke. Dr. Buhrke has a long history with Rigaku. His Buhrke Company represented Rigaku in the West Coast and Mid-west of the United States for over thirty years until the late 1990s, and Dr. Buhrke is currently a Director of the Rigaku Americas Corporation, USA. Dr. Buhrke has an outstanding career and worked in various disciplines in the X-ray diffraction and fluorescence fields since 1950. He obtained his Ph.D. degree in Physical/analytical chemistry from the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana of Illinois, and his director was G. L. Clark, author of first book on "Applied X-rays". He has extensive experience in industry that included research at du Pont Experimental Station and at RCA/Siemens, worked with Siemens engineers in Karlsruhe of Germany, organized and operated the first Siemens application laboratory for XRD and XRF in the United States in 1958 in Camden of New Jersey, served as the Chief Engineer at the Picker X-ray Manufacturing facilities in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Buhrke is an Editor and author of the landmark textbook on "Specimen Preparation" and the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Denver X-ray Conference. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Buhrke on receiving the Jenkins Award.



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