

PROFESSOR KARL WEISSENBERG'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

THE Editors and all readers of *Biorheology* will wish to send their warmest greetings to Professor Weissenberg for his eightieth birthday in June 1973.

Biorheology is one of the many fields of physics to which "Karl" has contributed valuable research, but it is not always realized that his interest in Medical Physics goes back to early days in his career, even before he left Germany.

Born in Vienna, he studied in his birthplace and also in Jena and in Berlin, took his Ph.D. in Mathematics, as well as studying Law and Medicine, and became a full Professor of Physics at the University of Berlin at a remarkably early age. He was also a Guest Professor in Physical Chemistry in Paris, Civil Engineering in Columbia, Engineering Mechanics in New York and Human Anatomy in South Carolina; a truly remarkable career.

As a young man, he was much influenced by Albert Einstein, an association which left him with a unified view of physics which never deserted him.

His invention of the X-ray Goniometer at an early age brought him to the forefront in the world of physics and, later, his Rheogoniometer opened a new field in rheological experimentation, including much work in biorheology.

In recent years, his contributions to haemorheology were widely appreciated by all those working in this field. In his honour a book will be published by the East African Literature Brueau in August 1973 and the reader will there find a more detailed account of his career and of the many honours awarded to him.

Although now retired, and living with his charming wife in Holland, rheologists were delighted to see them both at the recent joint Congresses of (General) Rheology and of Biorheology in Lyon.

Karl's warm personality and unaffected interest in the work of often quite young scientists has endeared him to all who know him. We wish him many years more of happy retirement in his beautiful City of the Hague.

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