

## Ingo Weisse †

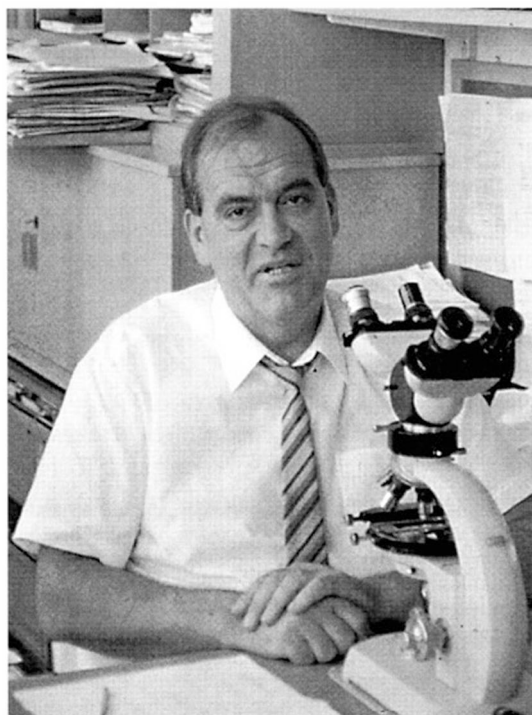
**Dr. med. vet.**

Managing Editor, Honorary Editor and the Editorial Board of *Ophthalmic Research* have the sad duty to inform about the death of Dr. med. vet. Ingo Weisse, member of our Editorial Board since 1990. He died at the age of 56 years on April 11, 1997 after a long and serious illness.

Dr. W. Neumann, Head of the Department of Experimental Pathology and Toxicology of Boehringer Ingelheim KG wrote: 'His willingness to accept every intervention intended to bring alleviation, time, and possibly even a cure was in the end in vain. Dr. Weisse was involved in his work until the very last few days, whereby he contributed all his expertise to the projects currently in progress in the department. He will be sorely missed personally and for his profound professional competence.'

It was just this competence in the field of ocular toxicology and pathology of the eye why Dr. Weisse was asked to join the Editorial Board of our Journal in 1990. He has given helpful support to the editors and also useful suggestions to the authors with his profound and critical reviews.

Dr. Weisse studied Veterinary Medicine at the Universities of Giessen (Germany) and Vienna (Austria). He graduated from the Institute of Veterinary Medicine of the Justus



Liebig University Giessen in 1967, and received the Dr. med. vet. (DVM) degree. In 1967 he started his professional career as a pathologist at the Department of Experimental Pathology and Toxicology of Boehringer Ingelheim KG in Ingelheim (Germany).

There he worked until his end as Head of the Department's Pathology Group. He was a member of numerous international speciality groups, a member of the ECETOX Task Force 'Ocular Toxicity', Brussels (Belgium), and belonged to several consulting committees of governmental drug administration (BGA Berlin, Germany). He was active at seminars of the International Life Science Institute (ILSI) as a member of the Teaching Faculty (Hannover, Germany 1991, San Diego, USA 1992, Nara, Japan 1993).

Dr. Weisse was a founding member of the International Society of Ocular Toxicology, from 1988 to 1996 he was a member of the Board of Directors. During the years 1992–1994 he was the President of ISOT and responsible for the 4th International Congress of ISOT in Annecy (France, October 9–13, 1994). At the 5th International Congress in Asheville (USA) he has given honorary membership in acknowledgement of his great contributions to the Society.

His scientific heritage includes 54 publications in international journals and monographs on the oculotoxicology of drugs. More than 40 invitations for seminar presentations and lectures proved his ability to pass on his own experience and results in the field of ocular pathology. As cofounder of the 'Hattersheimer Kreis', a discussion group of the pharmaceutical industries in Germany and Switzerland, he promoted the exchange of experience in order to establish a standard classification system of findings in ocular changes.

We deeply regret the loss of Dr. Weisse, he was an outstanding scientist of ocular pathology and toxicology, he was always a helpful and courteous colleague and he was a very kind person. We shall always have good memories of Dr. Ingo Weisse.

*Otto Hockwin*

on behalf of the editors and the editorial board members.