

I am grateful for the suggestion of my pen pal, Professor Matthias Barton from Zürich, Switzerland, to write the story of my life and work. At my current age slightly over 90 years, when body and mind are aching, it gave me the opportunity to concentrate completely on my work again. It was a chance to look into the past and reflect upon the many important personal events that occurred during my work and in my life. Many important experiences are etched into my mind. Many others were refreshed by reviewing my photo albums, my 493 scientific papers including two books, 17 teaching movies and CDs, 23 scientific exhibits, many scientific meetings that I helped to organize and articles that were written about me. It is interesting and satisfying to think back about these events and about my life again. Included in these reminiscences are my colleagues, particularly my friend Frederick Keller with whom I have worked for almost 40 years. First, we worked together at the University of Oregon Diagnostic Radiology Department led by Charles Dotter and, then, during the past 24 years in the Dotter Interventional Institute where he succeeded me as the Institute Director. I also want to thank Fred for going over my writing and making my English more acceptable.

The suggestion to write this autobiography arrived shortly after the death of my wife, Bohunka. We were married for 65 years. Being able to concentrate on this project helped ease my grief. Working hard has always been my nature and it has helped and currently is helping me get through difficult days and tragic events in my life.