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In memoriam  
Günter von Ehrenstein  
(1929–1980)

Professor Günter von Ehrenstein, a member of the Editorial Board of *Cell and Tissue Research*, died unexpectedly at the age of 52 on December 26, 1980. Professor von Ehrenstein was Director of the Department of Molecular Biology, Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine in Göttingen, Federal Republic of Germany.

Günter von Ehrenstein graduated from the Medical Faculty of the University of Freiburg in 1953 and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine (Dr. med.) in 1955. After a term of five years (1954–1959) at the Institute for Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Stockholm, Sweden, he was Guest Investigator and Research Fellow of the Helen Hay Whitney Foundation (1959–1961) at the Laboratory of Professor Lipman, Rockefeller University, New York, N.Y., U.S.A., and thereafter, Assistant Professor (1961–1963) and Associate Professor (1963–1968) of Biophysics at the Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md., U.S.A. Günter von Ehrenstein became a Scientific Member of the Max Planck Society, and Head of the Department of Molecular Biology and Director of the Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine, Göttingen, in 1968. He was elected to serve as managing director of this institute starting January 1, 1981.

His major fields of research included: protein biosynthesis (hemoglobin), adapter function of transfer RNA, problems of the genetic code, developmental genetics, and embryonic cell lineages. He was author and coauthor of numerous scientific publications and a member of the editorial boards of several scientific journals, including *Cell and Tissue Research*.

*Cell and Tissue Research* is deeply indebted to Günter von Ehrenstein for his active participation and devotion to the journal. His critical reviews and keen analyses of cytological problems contributed much to maintain and raise the standard of our journal. He will remain in our memory as a versatile scientist, a competent advisor, and a pleasant colleague. With his premature death, the editorial board of the journal is left with a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.