

Editorial

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Left to right: Patricia Ruthven, Douglas M. Ruthven, F. Handan Tezel (PhD with Doug), Haldun O. Tezel (PhD with Doug), Birge Kärger, Jörg Kärger

It has been a great pleasure for me to organize and arrange this special issue of Adsorption journal in honour of Professor Douglas M. Ruthven's 70th and Professor Jörg Kärger's 65th birthdays. It was a great coincidence that both of

them had their birthdays in the same month as the 58th Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference held in Ottawa, Ontario in Canada on October 19–22, 2008. Another coincidence was that I was the chair of the organizing committee of this conference. So, I took advantage of these coincidences to arrange Adsorption sessions as part of this conference as a reunion of students and colleagues of both of these two very well known, accomplished and respected scientists. We had a very successful reunion with 21 papers presented for 2 days during the conference

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from all over the world. We also had a get-together dinner to actually celebrate the 2 birthdays during the conference. The picture given above was taken after that dinner.

This special issue of Adsorption journal is going to start with a very special non-technical review from Prof. D.B. Shah about Doug and Jörg's scientific contributions and continue with papers from Doug and Jörg, before other 8 papers by their colleagues. There is also a book review at the end about a very special book authored by Jörg.

I would like to thank everybody who attended the conference, presented papers, and submitted full papers to this issue of Adsorption journal. I especially thank everybody for their patience, since it took much longer than I expected to put this special issue together, due to some extraordinary circumstances that caused delays.

I hope you enjoy reading this very special issue.