

I PREFACE

Vorwort

Corona pandemia is still continuing. That these lines are written at the end of January 2022 was indeed unexpected. We all hoped that the pandemia and related restrictions should have been long over and history. This was not the case.

Even upon these restrictions, our laboratories at LIOS have been open and productive in 2021. As it is reflected in the list of papers below, our Institute has seemingly no hindrance of output even in Corona times. For this, I am grateful to my whole team for their endurance, patience and persistence for making science possible in such restrictive times. Science never ends and never sleeps.

To my opinion, the greatest damage of Corona restrictions were imposed on the education of young people. We at LIOS have tried everything possible to make Practica, Bachelor-, Master- and Doctoral thesis' possible for our students without any quality loss. Our experimental labs were operational throughout the whole Corona times. Nevertheless, the physical presence in a lecture room and complete integration of the new generations into the university life was not possible, except for couple of months in October, November. I want to express my sadness on this topic for the young generations.

Last but not least a personal issue:

In this year 2021, my 60th birthday has been due. Also this year 2021 marks my 25 years of service at JKU. In this occasion I want to thank all colleagues who worked with me throughout all these years. Some have contributed to the special issue I have edited in the Israel Journal of Chemistry (Wiley) on this occasion. By the same reason of pandemia, all possible celebration plans had to be postponed. I hope and am looking forward to nice festivities on a later "round numbered age".

In German: Aufgeschoben ist nicht aufgehoben.

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