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**Laudatio anläßlich der Verleihung der Jean-Servais-Stas-Medaille 1989 an Bryan S. Finkle**

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Bryan Finkle was born in Sunderland/England - it is not to believe more than 50 years ago, on March 5, 1936.

Brought up in England, he started and finished his higher education at the Rutherford College of Advanced Technology of Durham University with a National Certificate in Chemistry, Physics and Pure Mathematics in 1957.

He came into contact with our common field of interest during a Forensic Training Program (specializing in Toxicology) at Metropolitan Police Science Laboratory (New Scotland Yard, London). When he changed to the U.S., continued activity and additional training in the Forensic Sciences, Toxicology and Pharmacology, working on several places, especially in Salt Lake City, where he promoted to Ph. D. in 1977.

His various functions, offices, responsibilities are vast and cannot be listed here, - but this might also be unnecessary. Knowing Bryan since the early 70ies, I am convinced his several positions have only been vehicles for his permanent activity, his initiatives, his identification with our field of interest as a whole, resulting in a successful engagement to the benefit of its development.

On this background, we can only select a few items, which might be taken as examples - perhaps as the highlights - of the whole spectrum of Bryan Finkle's works and results.

Most of us will certainly have heard first about Bryan Finkle by his early application of gas chromatography to problems of analytical forensic toxicology in the sixties, followed by GC/MS application already in the early seventies.

The readiness of Bryan Finkle to international cooperation represents a doubtless especially important part of his total activities.. He stimulated close working relationship between toxicologists in the U.K., Europe and North America, and his

election to TIAFT President in Zurich in 1975 was both caused by his engagement as well as supporting its extension and continuation.

The formation of the TIAFT Committee on Systematic Toxicological Analysis during the TIAFT Triennial Meeting in Wichita 1978 had hardly been possible without the active support of Bryan, then still president of TIAFT and just handing over the position to Hans Brandenberger. Still member of this committee, Bryan shares the initiating as well as the work and the results of this group. Needless to say, that Bryan has not confined his international cooperation to the official or professional sector, - he always supported the relationships also at a personal level. His friends will agree to know his not only kind, but warm and unconventional friendship shown to people all over the world, at the same time indicating his broad range of interests inside and outside of our profession.

Let us return to professional work and to the new home country of Bryan Finkle.

Besides more than a hundred publications and even more presentations on meetings, certainly one of his main results was and is the establishment and early development of the Center for Human Toxicology in the University of Utah in Salt Lake City with training and research integrated for the long-term advancement of toxicology.

For a couple of years, he could turn his forensic toxicology experience to positive good in the public health and medical areas by leading the development of human protein drugs. A good fortune had let this important area remain an episode in Bryans professional career, guiding him back to forensic science and toxicology. Without needing to get explained all his initiatives, activities, results, successes, rewards in detail, we like to confirm him to be one of the engines of our fast moving field of science, and we congratulate him to his new honour. May I ask Manfred Möller to confer the STAS Medal to Bryan S. Finkle.



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