



Prof. Dr. ALFRED RIETH

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The Editors and Publishers of Archiv für Protistenkunde
announce with profound grief
that on March 27, 1997, the prominent German protistologist and Nestor of the German phycologists

Professor Dr. ALFRED RIETH

died, at the age of 85.

From 1970 to 1983 he was co-editor and managing editor of Archiv für Protistenkunde and up to his death member of the Advisory Board.

Prof. Dr. A. RIETH was one of the best experts on Central European algal flora and an eminent specialist of the family *Vaucheriaceae*. He was author of the monograph of the xanthophyceean order *Vaucheriales* in the new edition of "Süßwasserflora von Mitteleuropa" and of many important papers on different algal and fungal groups. His classical paper on *Chlorokybus atmophyticus* of 1972 often overlooked is the basis of modern interpretations on systematics and taxonomy of the Charophyta.

His most important teachers were VON FRISCH, WIELAND, KÖHLER, MOTHES and BÜNNING. He was an excellent observer and cultivator. His works were based on detailed studies of natural material as well as on cultivation techniques and studies of the life cycles in vitro.

Prof. Dr. A. RIETH was a scientist of high repute. His work was distinguished by perseverance and singleness of purpose.

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For the Editorial Board
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