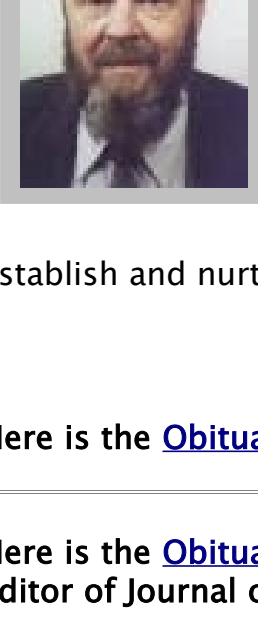


Michael Schieber passed on October 17, 2017



Dear Members of IOCG Community,

I sent the attached official obituary of the IOCG to Prof. Michael Roth in Israel. Prof. Michael Roth will than forward the obituary to the Senate of the Hebrew University where a special meeting in honour of Michael Schieber will be held next week. He will also convey the letters from the national associations (from EC members) for crystal growth to Michael's family. We should remember Prof. Michael Schieber's great efforts to establish and nurture the crystal growth community.

Best regards,
Koichi KAKIMOTO, President of IOCG

Here is the [Obituary prepared by professor Koichi Kakimoto](#), IOCG President

Here is the [Obituary prepared by professor Tom Kuech](#), IOCG Vice-President and Principal Editor of Journal of Crystal Growth

Following are some of the emails send to professor Kakimoto, IOCG President, within the first few days after Professor Schieber's death. The many responses from the friends and fellow scientists is a testament to Michael's ideas and his formative influence on our community. The crystal growth community will continue to move forward and progress, but Michael's patient influence will be greatly missed.

Together with few others he was the first to state boldly to the scientific world that crystal growth is a science on its own and must be recognized as such.

Hanna Dabkowska, IOCG Secretary

"Michael Schieber: Short scientific biography" by M. Roth can be found in Journal of Crystal Growth 379 (2013) pp. 1-2

"Michael has a vision on the then future JCG and IOCG and worked hard to implement this vision. The vision that soon became common. His deeds shaped our professional community. These formal tightns strengthened so much our mutual understanding and friendship disposition to one another with due respect to professional needs. The disposition that became the spirit of our community and helped to keep it going for decades. Michael was wise and honest in his efforts that took many years. I still remember as he approached me during the ICCG 2 in Birmingham in 1968 with the idea to nucleate the IOCG. This was new and interesting for me but took a month or so to realize how important that was - the nucleation barrier. I will remember him on a lighten, soft, and warm background."

Alex Chernov, Past President of IOCG

"We are very sorry and sad to hear about this extremely bad news that Prof Michael Schieber left us many years. He was a senior leader in crystal growth field who guided us going forward in many years. He had performed very hard work to establish Journal of Crystal Growth and International Organization for Crystal Growth. And the Schieber Prize has been established to promote young people to work hard and to make progress. He contributed all his life time to our course. On behalf of Chinese Association for Crystal Growth and ourselves, we take the deepest regret and deepest memory to Michael for his great job."

**Zhanggui HU, President of CACG
Jiyang WANG, EC member of IOCG, Vice President of CACG**

"We Japanese sincerely express our sadness and thanks to Prof. Michael Schieber for his great job regarding founding International Organization for Crystal Growth and Journal of Crystal Growth. He was an outstanding scientist and a leader in crystal growth in the world who guided us to the attractive scientific field of crystal growth for a long time. We should remember his great jobs including establishment of Schieber Prize for young researchers. On behalf of Japanese Association for Crystal Growth, we have many thanks to Prof. Michael Schieber's for his outstanding job for crystal growth. We Japanese do not forget his warm behaviours not only for crystal growth but friendly contact with us."

Koichi KAKIMOTO President of Japanese Association for Crystal Growth

"On behalf of crystal growth community in Taiwan, I would like to express our sincere condolece to Prof. Schieber and his family. Attached are the photos I scanned from Don Hurle's paper to remember Michael. He will not be forgotten and we all share his legacy."

Chung-wen Lan, PhD, Distinguished Professor, National Taiwan University; Founder & Honorary Chairman, Taiwan Photovoltaic Industry Association

"Please accept my sincere condolences for the death of Prof. Michael Schieber. We remember his work for the Community of Crystal Growers and our personal contacts with him during the conferences."

Ewa Talik, Past President, Polish Society of Crystal Growers

"I am very sad to learn this news, and on behalf of the Swiss Crystallographers and in particular the Section of Crystal Growth and Technology, we express our thanks for the valuable input that Prof. Michael Schieber gave to our community on so many different levels. His spirit will definitely live on."

Katharina Fromm, for the Swiss Society of Crystallography

"On behalf of the German Association for Crystal Growth we like to express our sincere sadness that Prof. Michael Schieber passed away. He was the driving force to establish crystal growth as its own topic among material science and physics. Establishing the Journal of Crystal Growth and founding the International Organization for Crystal Growth were the really important steps towards our community in crystal growth. We will always remember the profound work of Micheal Schieber both scientifically and in pushing the field of crystal growth. With his outstanding personality he was formative for many generations of researchers in the field of crystal growth."

**Wolfram Miller, President DGKK
Andreas Danilewsky, Vize-President DGK
Peter Wellmann, Vize-President DGKK
Christiane Frank-Rotsch, Secretary DGKK**

"On behalf of the Indian Association for Crystal Growth (IACG), India, we would like to express our deepest condolece to Professor Michael Schieber. Indian Crystal Growth Community had close contacts with hm. We met him and discussed about the Crystal Growth research activities in India during 17th International Conference on Crystal Growth and Epitaxy held at Warsaw, Poland during 11-16 August 2013. I attach the photo to remember Professor Michael Schieber. Hearing about his loss has deeply saddened us. He is in our thoughts and prayers. He will not be forgotten by Crystal Growth Community. May his soul rest in peace. We firmly believe that God will accept him with open arms for all the good he has done while he was on this earth."

P. Ramasamy, President - Indian Association for Crystal Growth (IACG)

"On behalf of the Ukrainian Association of Crystal Growth, we would like to express our deepest and sincere condolece for the death of Prof. Michael Schieber, a prominent scientist who has made a great contribution to the world science and will not be forgotten by the crystal growth community."

**B. Grinyov, VPresident, Ukrainian Association of Crystal Growth
V. Semynozhenko, VPresident, Ukrainian Association of Crystal Growth
I. Pritula, President, Ukrainian Association of Crystal Growth**

"On behalf of the Mexican Society of Crystallography and Crystal Growth Community in my country, we express our condolences to the family of Prof. Michael Schieber. Certainly, he did a great job and pushed a lot the Science of Crystal Growth for a long time. We have lost the man, but his memories and contributions will be with us forever."

Abel Moreno, IOCG Mexican Representative

"I have already informed of this irreparable lost to the community of crystal growers and crystallography in Spain. On behalf of the Spanish community of crystal growers and the Laboratorio for Crystallographic Studies of Granada we express the condolences to the family of Prof. Michael Schieber and we joint all you in our gratitude to Michael for his invaluable scientific and social contribution to the field."

Juanma García-Ruiz, EC IOCG Member and Spain Representative

"It is with sorrow that I receive this sad news about the recent passing of Prof. Michael Schieber. Michael had the vision to organize international crystal growers and associated scientists and engineers into a coherent and respected field. He did this by stimulating of what eventually became the IOCG and our series of international research meetings and schools. This effort was greatly enhanced by his founding of the Journal of Crystal Growth that has become the main archive of important results in our field. What he did internationally has also been reflected in the growth of national organizations of crystal growth, for which IOCG is now a focal point. It is comforting that his efforts will continue to be commemorated by the Schieber Prize for young researchers. His presence will be missed but his accomplishments should serve as a guiding light and inspiration for our members to assume leadership positions and continue enhancement of our field"

Robert F. Sekerka Past President of IOCG

"Please accept my sincere condolences, on behalf of the Italian Crystal Growth Community, for the passing away of Prof. Michael Schieber. We'll always remember his scientific work and his efforts for the International Crystal Growth Community."

Andrea Zappettini, Chair, Commission of Crystal Growth and Characterization of Materials, International Union of Crystallography

"On behalf of Russian Crystal Growth Community, I express our deepest condolences for the passing of a prominent scientist Prof. Michael Schieber. We shall always remember and appreciate his outstanding contribution to the development of our science and organization of our Community."

Alexey Voloshin, EC IOCG Member and Russian Representative

"On behalf of the Polish Society for Crystal Growth we would like to express our deepest sorrow that Prof. Michael Schieber has passed away. Prof. Michael Schieber has brought enormous contribution to Crystal Growth Community all over the world. We will always remember his great contribution to the world science. We would like to express our sincere condolences to Prof. Schieber's family."

Dobrosława Kasproicz, President of Polish Society for Crystal Growth (PTWK)

"On behalf of the Russian community of crystal growers we express our sincere condolece that Prof. Michael Schieber left this world. We will always remember his scientific contribution and his great efforts for progress and promotion of crystal growth."

**Slava Osiko,
Pavel Fedorov,
Alexey Voloshin,
Evgeny Zharikov**

"IUPAC is saddened to hear of the death of Prof. Michael Schieber. The IOCG (International Organization for Crystal Growth) has been an Associate member organization with IUPAC for many years. We extend our deepest sympathy to the IOCG and Prof. Schieber's family and friends."

Linda Y. Tapp, Membership Program Manager, IUPAC Secretariat

"On behalf of the Korean Association of Crystal Growth we would like to express our deepest sorrow that Prof. Michael Schieber has passed away. We will always remember his great contribution to the world science and would like to express our sincere condolences to Prof. Schieber's family!"

Seung-min Kang, President of Korean Association of Crystal Growth

"On behalf of the Australian Crystal Growth Community, we would like to pass on our condolences to the family of Prof. Michael Schieber on this sad occasion. His contribution to our field both scientifically and socially will always be remembered."

Franca Jones, Representative of Australian Crystal Growers Community

"Professor Thierry Duffar has forwarded us the sad announce regarding Professor Michael Schieber. I am very troubled by these sad news. I express my regrets and I would like to know if the funerals should be in Romania. If it is the case, I would go for an ultimate homage to Professor Michael Schieber."

Florica Barvinschi, Romanian Crystal Growers

"It is very sad message to all members of Crystal Growth community to learn (that) Professor Schieber passed away. I feel that this is also personal loss to me. Prof. Micheal Schieber was one of the founders of the field in which he demonstrated his multiple talents. He has contributed to the social organizations, to editorial work and most importantly, to merit of science, new discoveries and ideas. The other dimension that everyone who knew him is well aware was his personal warmth and care. That personal touch was well known to anyone who knew him personally. I believe the memories of his great personality will stay with us forever. Joining with all colleagues in sorrow."

Stanislaw Krukowski, EC IOCG Member and Past President of Polish Society for Crystal Growth

"It is very sad news for all of us that Professor Michael Schieber passed away. He and his achievements will be remembered. We wish to express our sincere condolences to his family and friends."

Katalin Polgar and Laszlo Granasy on behalf of the Hungarian Association for Crystal Growth

"The Dutch Association for Crystal Growth is saddened by the news that Prof. Schieber has passed away. We would like to express our sincere condolences to his family. Prof. Schieber will always be remembered for his great contributions to the crystal growth community in the world."

Hans te Nijenhuis, Chairman, Dutch Association for Crystal Growth

"On behalf of the American Association for Crystal Growth we would like to express our deep sorrow that Prof. Michael Schieber passed away. He was the driving force to establish crystal growth as its own topic among material science and physics. Establishing the Journal of Crystal Growth and founding the International Organization for Crystal Growth were the formative steps in instituting our community. As the Founding Principal Editor of the Journal of Crystal Growth he provided a focused forum for crystal growth work and was a tireless servant to the community. As a tribute to his contributions, the IOCG established the Schieber Prize for young crystal growth researchers. We will always remember the profound work of Michael Schieber both scientifically and in promoting the field of crystal growth. He was an inspiration for many generations of crystal growth scientists. He will be greatly missed."

**Robert Biefeld, President AACG
Joan Redwing, Vice President AACG
Luis Zepeda-Ruiz, Treasurer AACG
Mariya Zhuravleva, Secretary AACG**

"On behalf of the Brazilian community of crystal growers and the crystal growth Laboratory from IPEN we would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of Prof. Schieber."

Sonia Licia Baldochi, Brazilian Representative to IOCG

Following is the note from Professor Michael Roth:

"I will forward the final version of the obituary to the Senate of the Hebrew University where a special meeting in honor of Michael Schieber will be held next week. Of course, I will also convey your personal condolences to Michael's family as well as the letters from the national associations for crystal growth."

I am grateful to the all members of our crystal growth community, all dear friends for their kind words and appreciation of Michael Schieber's trailblazing contribution to the field as the first Secretary of the IOCG and the first Principal Editor of the Journal of Crystal Growth, a burden of his own choice for three decades in service of the crystal growth community he cherished so much."

Michael Roth, Professor, Department of Applied Physics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"Our crystal growth community lost a great man, a very good friend with a big heart. Professor Michael Schieber was so kind and so much close to our Romanian Materials Science - Crystal Growth Society. We, Romanian crystal growers had the happiness to meet him many times in Romania, during many conferences organized by our National Crystal Growth Association. He was awarded with the title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the Universities of Bucharest (2006) and Constanta (2003). For Romanian crystal growers it is a hard loss, because Michael Schieber was born and has studied in Romania. He had never forgotten his roots and Romanian language. He currently was speaking a clear and a nice Romanian language. We are deeply grateful for his hard work in the world community of Crystal Growers. He worked hard in forming a new concept and advised many generations in the field of Crystal Growth research. He was the Founding Editor of Journal of Crystal Growth. He had a huge international contribution for the extension of a real scientific movement in the field of Crystal Growth. We must never forget this. Please, allow us to express sincere condolences to his family. Let God to receive him in His Heaven!"

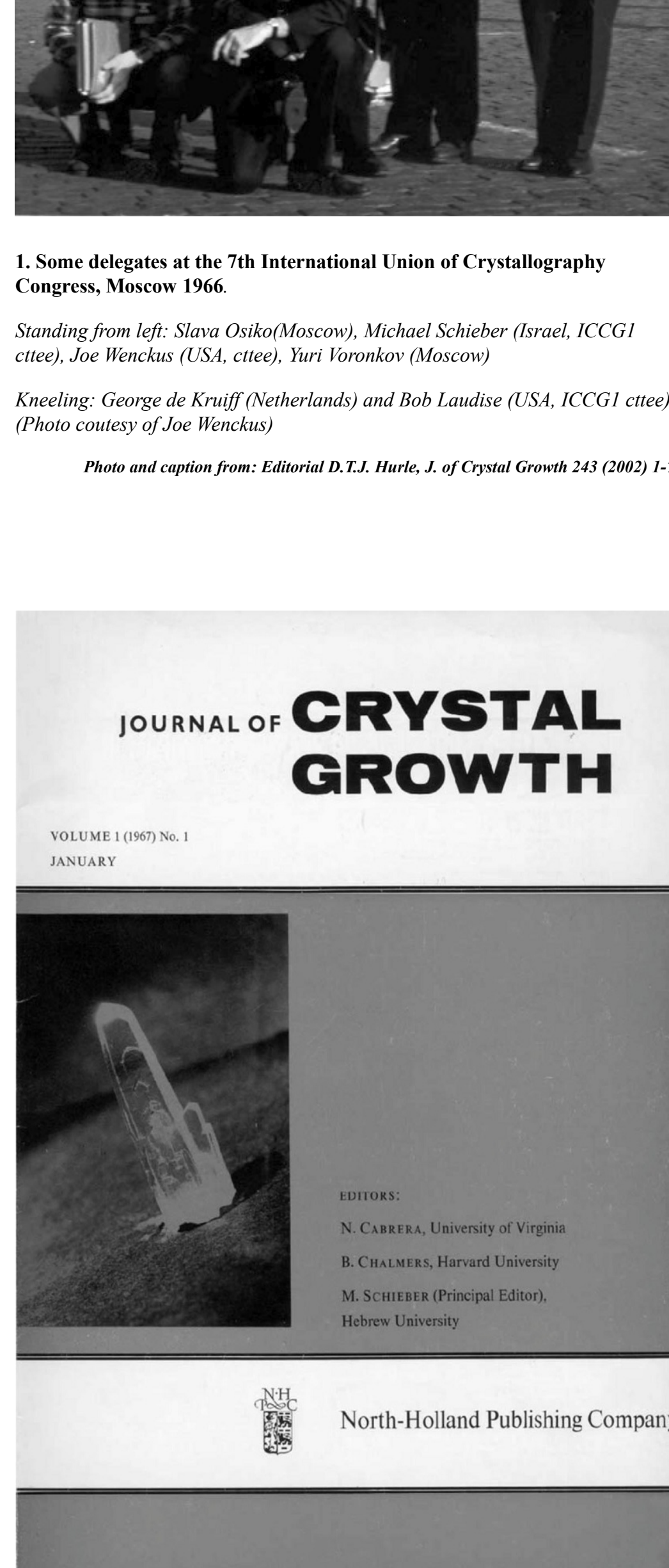
Horia Alexandru, ROMS-CGS, President

"I should wish, on behalf of the BACG, to add our regret at the sad news of Michael's passing. He was an important contributor to the field of crystal growth both experimentally and also through his efforts to have the field recognized by the creation of the Journal of Crystal Growth and the establishment of the Schieber Young Crystal Growers Prize. He will be greatly missed."

Bill Jones, President, British Association of Crystal Growth

"On behalf of the Czechoslovak Association for Crystal Growth, please, accept our sincere condolences to Prof. Schieber family. We will always remember his outstanding contribution to the Crystal Growth science and enormous activity for our community."

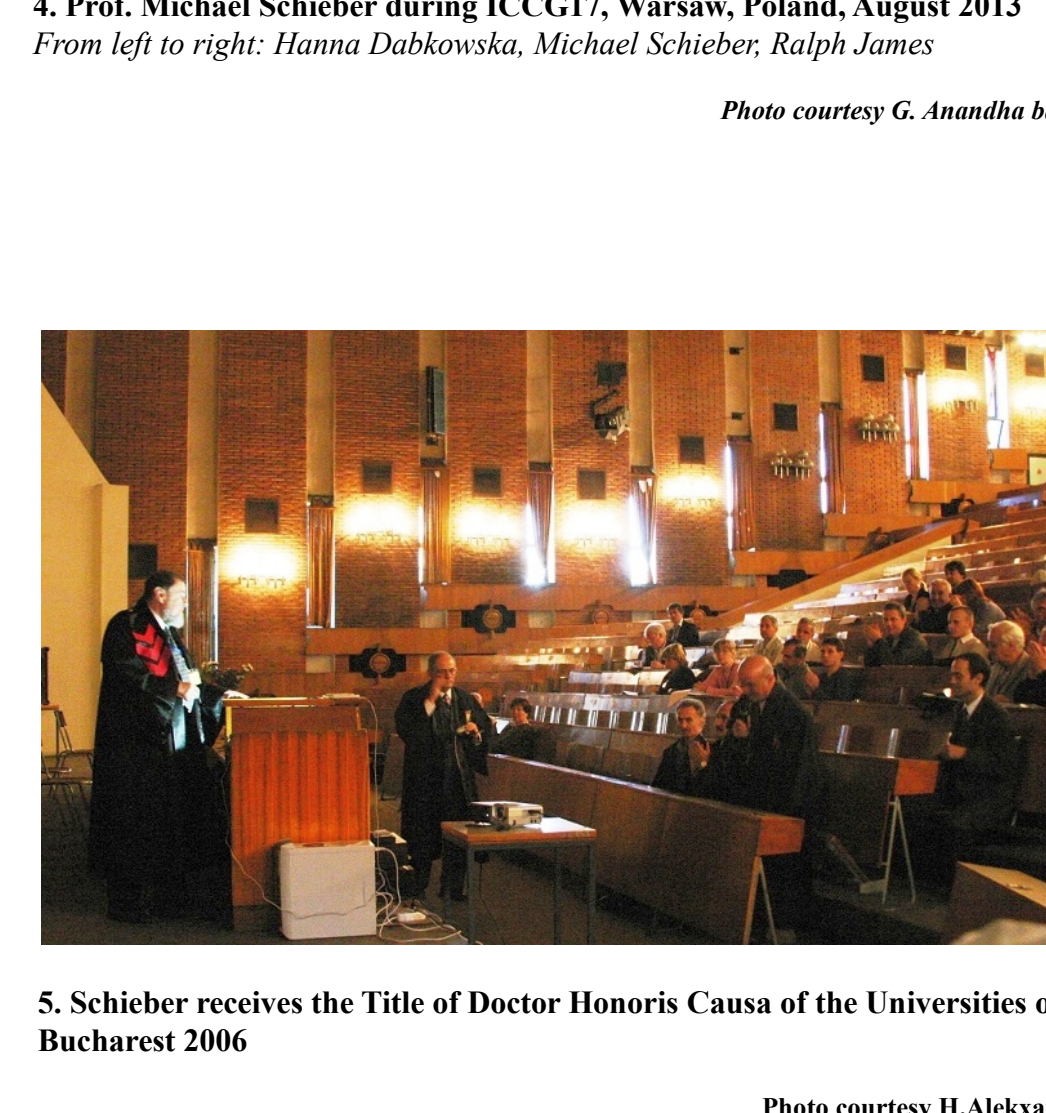
Zdenek Kozisek, Chair of the Czechoslovak Association for Crystal Growth



1. Some delegates at the 7th International Union of Crystallography Congress, Moscow 1966.
Standing from left: Slava Osiko (Moscow), Michael Schieber (Israel, ICCG1 cttee), Joe Wencus (USA, cttee), Yuri Voronkov (Moscow)
Kneeling: George de Kruijf (Netherlands) and Bob Laudise (USA, ICCG1 cttee). (Photo courtesy of Joe Wencus)
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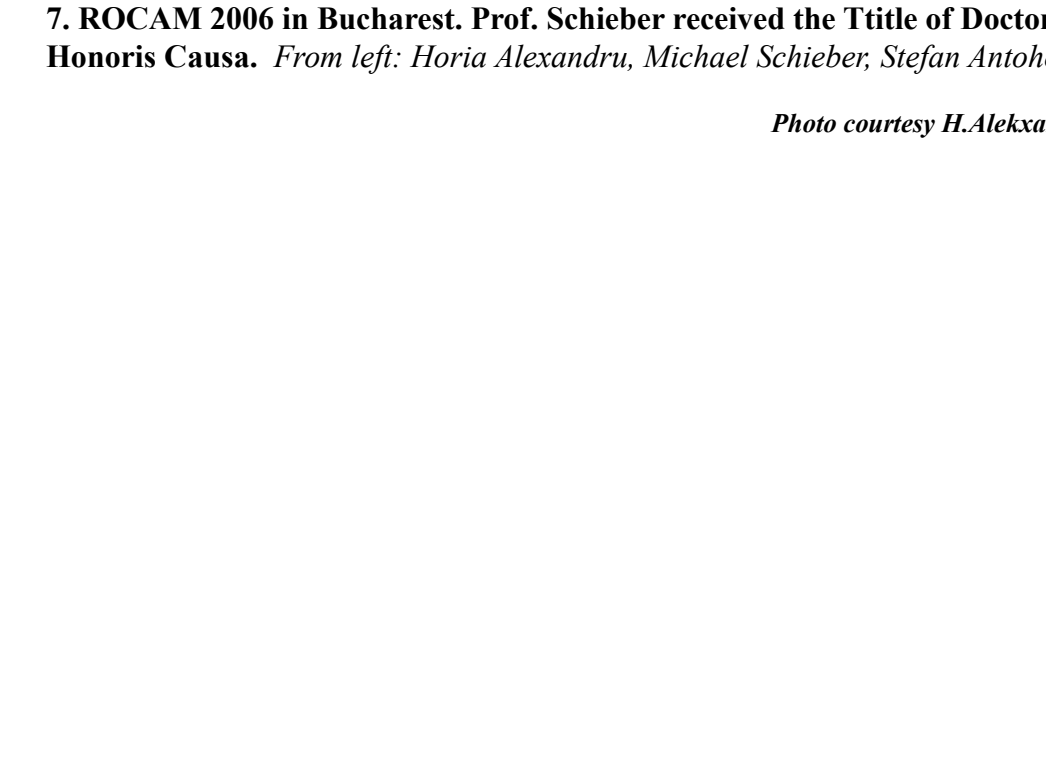
2. Cover of Journal of Crystal Growth Vol.1 No1
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3. Prof. Michael Schieber during ICCG17, Warsaw, Poland, August 2013
Sitting: Michael Schieber; standing right: P.Ramasamy
Photo courtesy P. Ramasamy



4. Prof. Michael Schieber during ICCG17, Warsaw, Poland, August 2013
From left to right: Hanna Dabkowska, Michael Schieber, Ralph James
Photo courtesy G. Anandhan babu



5. Schieber receives the Title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the Universities of Bucharest 2006
Photo courtesy H.Aleksandru

6. Alex Chernov, Schieber, Christo Nanev
Photo courtesy H.Aleksandru

7. ROCAM 2006 in Bucharest. Prof. Schieber received the Title of Doctor Honoris Causa. *From left: Horia Alexandru, Michael Schieber, Stelian Antohe*
Photo courtesy H.Aleksandru