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Drying Technology - An International Journal will commemorate 30 years of its founding in 2012. With expected Impact Factor rising to 2.2 in 2011, the editorial team will undertake major projects to celebrate the success and publish special thematic issues. Details will be released later. Some issues will be exclusively by invitation and will be written by Who's Who in Drying- somewhat like indication in the Hall of Fame of Drying.

The following letter from the Giant of Drying -and Prof. Mujumdar's Drying Guru and virtual mentor- Prof. C. Strumillo of Lodz, Poland is noteworthy.

Readers are invited to send this link to their contacts who have interest in drying technologies in general, in academia, industry or government. With looming energy crisis and food shortages the world over, this unit operation is critically important although attention and funds are diverted to other fashionable but less impactful areas of R&D.

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Dear Arun,

Many thanks for your last e-mail with the important news concerned with the approaching of the three full decades of our journal.

It is obvious that we should celebrate solemnly the occasion to mark this very important landmark.

I am sure that our world drying community is quite convinced how essential the birth of the journal was in development of the importance of drying technology and how significantly the discipline gained from the one it was over 30 years ago.

We are also aware how crucial is the role of the journal Editor-in-Chief. I was one of the first strong supporters of the idea of the biennial International Drying Symposium which was born out of Professor Mujumdar's vision – it dates back to 1977. During the next three decades we have been able to appreciate his enormous, unique role in the journal development. It is worth to mention that simultaneously Prof. Mujumdar's extensive, valuable contributions to the various aspects of drying technology, gained an important position which differed significantly from the one it had 30 years ago.

I am sure that our world drying community is ready to highly appreciate the tremendous contributions of the Editor-in-Chief – Prof. A.S. Mujumdar during the last three decades.

In general, Professor A.S. Mujumdar's activities in respect to his editorial work, education of young staff, research and innovative successes, plenary lectures, scientific relations with major research centres in the world and many other pioneer actions promoting the drying process have put him in the drying community as a leader and visionary incessantly for three decades.

His involvement and talent resulted in the development of a drying unit operation as a modern interdisciplinary field having its own R&D prospects. The drying technology, which exists for many years, never before has been of such importance and significance in the concordant

assessment of academia and industry people as well as sponsors of research projects. We owe this to Professor Mujumdar.

*I would like to address
THE WORLD DRYING COMMUNITY
with the following APPEAL.*

To take the opportunity of the Anniversary of the three decades of the Journal – Drying Technology, to express to Professor Arun S. Mujumdar – Editor-in-Chief of Drying Technology: an highest appreciation and gratitude for decades of his incessant, visionary devoted, valuable, activity at the position of Editor-in-Chief of Drying Technology Journal and Professor of Chemical Engineering for the promotion in the world of Drying Unit Operation as a modern interdisciplinary field.

Czeslaw Strumillo

Lodz, Poland

Dear Arun,

It is of course my modest suggestion, I do believe that the broader experience and possibilities of our other colleagues could present other propositions how to appreciate our „drying guru”. It is necessary to have in mind that you deserve many medals, diplomas, honors, etc. etc.

I am waiting for your comments on this letter.

Best regards to you and Purnima,

Czeslaw

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