

## Dr. Herbert Stradner

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On behalf of the International Nannoplankton Association I am delighted and honoured to convey my congratulations to Dr. Herbert Stradner on the occasion of his being awarded the Eduard Suess-Medal. Nannofossil palaeontology is now one of the most commonly used tools in modern biostratigraphy with experts across the globe. In the late nineteen-fifties, however, when Herbert Stradner began his micropaleontological studies the subject hardly existed. Nonetheless, he rapidly recognised the potential of silicoflagellates, coccolithophores, discoasters and other nannofossils to solve biostratigraphic problems, and he became one of the pioneers of the field. He was especially active in nannofossil studies during the decade from 1959 to 1969, publishing some 25 papers and describing over a hundred taxa in this period. He also applied them in practical biostratigraphy both in Austria and internationally and this applied aspect increasingly dominated his work including participation in DSDP Legs to the Mediterranean, Caribbean and South Atlantic. In recognition of this a total of eight species and three genera of nannofossils have been named after him, by colleagues from seven different countries.

Herbert was one of the founding members of the International Nannoplankton Association, and I am pleased to share a photograph of him from the meeting in Rijswijk, the Netherlands, where it was initiated. Later, he helped Katharina von Salis with hosting of the first INA conference in Vienna in 1985 and he both co-lead the fieldtrip – which ended with a particularly memorable evening in a Heuriger – and co-edited the Proceedings. During his career Herbert has mentored, encouraged and co-published with numerous nannofossil workers and is universally remembered with respect and affection.

*With all best wishes, Jeremy Young, President of the International Nannoplankton Association.*



*Herbert Stradner at the foundation of the International Nannoplankton Association in 1977, and rather more in his element during our first conference in Vienna 1985 (Photographs: Ben Prins and Shirley van Heck).*

### List of nannotaxa named in honour of Dr. Herbert Stradner

Genera: *Stradneria* REINHARDT (1964), *Stradnerius* HAQ (1968), *Stradnerlithus* BLACK (1971).

Species: *Cyclococcolithus stradneri* JAFAR (1975), *Discoaster stradneri* MARTINI (1961), *Haslingfieldia stradneri* BLACK (1973), *Lithastrinus? stradneri* PERCH-NIELSEN (1973), *Microrhabdulus stradneri* BRAMLETTE & MARTINI (1964), *Micrantholithus stradneri* CHANG (1969), *Tegumentum stradneri* THIERSTEIN in ROTH & THIERSTEIN (1972), *Vekshinella stradneri* ROOD, HAY & BARNARD (1971).