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Editorial

On September 30, 1986 Professor Dr. phil, Dr.-Ing. E.h. Günter Wassermann died, shortly after his 84th birthday. In him we lose a great promoter of the field of “Textures”. His book “*Texturen metallischer Werkstoffe*” published in 1939 drew the attention of metallurgists to a structural parameter which has a general influence on the properties of all polycrystalline materials. The second edition of his book, published in 1962 together with J. Grewen—his co-worker for many years—is still considered the standard work in this branch of material science. Günter Wassermann also initiated the first international conference “*Textures in Research and Practice*” in 1968, which has now developed into the well established ICOTOM-series. Furthermore he was one of the founder editors of this journal when it first appeared in 1972. Although Günter Wassermann also worked successfully in several other branches of metallurgy and materials science, such as martensitic transformation, precipitation hardening and composite materials, it was for “textures” that his name became a kind of “trademark” for nearly fifty years.

The Editor and Publisher of the journal “*Textures and Microstructures*” feel there is no better way to honour a great scientist than to show that his work is being continued. Hence, when several friends and colleagues suggested the dedication of papers to the memory of Günter Wassermann, the idea was gladly accepted and these papers were provided for a special memorial issue. Finally, nearly forty papers covering virtually all aspects of texture in research and practice were submitted, filling now much more than a normal volume of the journal. The present memorial volume thus provides a good survey on the actual state of the art in the field of textures. The volume contains contributions from most of the

laboratories working in this field all over the world. It may thus be considered an expression of the high regard of the texture community for Günter Wassermann who inspired this field of study more than any other.

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