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On the occasion of Tassilo Feuerer's 65th birthday on 5 August 2014 and official retirement on 8 April, some members of the editorial team attended celebrations in Hamburg. Tassilo is a keen supporter of NLF, being a long-term member, frequently consulted as reviewer for *Graphis Scripta* and participant in several NLF-excursions. He is probably best known for his works on the non-yellow *Rhizocarpon*-species. Hopefully, there will be a replacement for his position as Curator of Cryptogams at Hamburg University (HBG); unfortunately, as so often happens now, these scientifically important posts have not been retained. The first part of this issue of *Graphis Scripta* is a tribute to our colleague Tassilo Feuerer in form of several manuscripts by authors who wished to honour him on the occasion of his retirement as Curator of Cryptogams at Hamburg. We looked forward in this issue to a further entralling contribution from David Galloway on Erik Acharius, but sadly he passed away in December 2014 before having completed this work; hence, it has been replaced by a tribute to our dear friend and colleague.



Ingvar Kärnefelt, former President of Nordic Lichen Society and International Association of Lichenology to celebrate the 65th birthday of Tassilo Feuerer (right) in his Hamburg laboratory.

Tassilo Feuerer was born in 1949 in Munich, where he studied biology at the university, during which time he became acquainted with Hannes Hertel, who became his supervisor for post-

graduate work on the non-yellow species of *Rhizocarpon*. In 1984 he was appointed as Curator of Lichens in the Hamburg Herbarium, where he was to remain for the rest of his career. Apart from his systematic work on lichens, particularly and especially the non-yellow *Rhizocarpon*-species (Feuerer 1991), following in the footsteps of Hans Runemark (recently deceased), who had studied the yellow species of *Rhizocarpon* several decades earlier (Runemark 1956a, b). Feuerer has not only focussed on recording and managing databases of, but also shown great interest in the biodiversity and phylogeny of lichens (Feuerer & Hawksworth 2007, Thell *et al.* 2004, 2009) and maintains a much appreciated website on worldwide checklists and collectors of lichens.

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