Also passing a career milestone this summer was Reinhard Budde, one of CERN’s earliest staff members, appointed by Lew Kowarski.

After a spell at Columbia under Jack Steinberger to learn the art of bubble chambers, he returned to CERN to construct and exploit the early CERN 10cm and 30cm hydrogen bubble chambers. From this he went on to become one of CERN’s key experts on film handling, helping to develop and run the sophisticated scanning and measuring systems needed to process the many millions of physics photographs churned out by several generations of successively larger and more sophisticated bubble chambers.

He has played another pivotal role in the research programme, having served as Secretary of three generations of CERN Experiments Committees – first for track chambers, then for the SPS, and most recently for LEP.

Away from physics, he is a lover of fine taste, being both an accomplished musician and oenologist.