

Now officially retired from the DESY Laboratory, Hamburg, but continuing to act as the Laboratory's CERN Courier correspondent is Pedro Waloschek. Born in Buenos Aires, Pedro began his physics research career there in the early 1950s, participating in the heady post-war era of cosmic ray studies, moving in 1955 to Göttingen to continue this work. In Bologna from 1957, he organized a bubble chamber group and participated in one of the pioneer experiments which revealed parity (left-right) violation in beta decay. Subsequently he transferred to Bari to work on a new bubble-chamber film analysis machine. At CERN, Pedro became interested in the new electronic detectors being developed in the late 60s by Georges Charpak. In 1968 he moved to DESY as a Senior Scientist, applying the new wire chamber techniques and contributing to the design of the PLUTO detector at the DORIS electron-positron ring. In 1988 he joined the H1 collaboration at the HERA electron-proton collider.

From 1978, still based at DESY, Pedro also began a new career - communicating the wonders of modern physics in general and DESY in particular to the German-speaking public. From most of the 1980s he headed DESY's Public Relations group. As well as articles for newspapers and magazines, he also wrote a series of books - 'Die Welt der kleinsten Teilchen' (The World of the Smallest Particles - with Oskar Höfling, published in 1984), 'Der Multimensch' (1986), 'Neuere Teilchenphysik - einfach dargestellt' (New Particle Physics - simply explained, 1990), 'Der Schlüssel zur Physik' (The Key to Physics - with Olivia Meyer, 1990), 'Reise ins Innerste der Materie' (Journey into Innermost Matter, the story of DESY's HERA electron-proton collider, 1991), and most recently a volume on the life and work of Rolf Wideröe, published in German and in English - 'Als die Teilchen laufen lernten' (ISBN 3-528-06567-2), 'The Infancy of Particle Accelerators' (ISBN 3-528-06586-9), published by Vieweg, distributed in the USA by Ballen, 125 Ricefield Land, Hauppauge, New York 11788. In 1979 Pedro became DESY's official CERN Courier correspondent, and as

such is one of the longest-serving and certainly the most productive of our faithful informants. In these 15 years, scarcely an issue has gone by without a contribution from him. As well as a prolific writer, Pedro is an enthusiastic photographer and cameraman with a ready eye for an impressive shot, and is at home in several languages.