In memory of Siegfried Huneck
9 September 1928 – 9 October 2011


Siegfried Huneck was born on September 9th, 1928 the first son of the “Heilpraktiker” (natural health professional) Emil Huneck and his wife Frieda, in the small settlement of Floh in the Thuringian Forest region (Thuringia, Germany), where he attended primary school. In 1939 he progressed to the “Staatliche Oberschule” (grammar school) for boys in Schmalkalden, where he completed his studies in 1947, due to a two years delay because of the war.

Following the post-war political changes he found himself in the German Democratic Republic. The State strategy at that time was to encourage children of labourers and farmers to undertake higher education, rather than children from employees and professionals. As the son of a “Heilpraktiker”, Siegfried fell into the latter category, and after several refusals was only allowed to undertake a one-year course for chemical-technical assistants at the Institute for Technical Chemistry of the University in Jena. Following this he was employed for 6 months in road construction in the neighbouring settlement of Seligenthal, but it probably helped him avoid forced employment in the uranium mines of the Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains). In 1950 he found employment as a laboratory worker in the RFT broadcasting station in Erfurt, where his main responsibility was metal analyses. One year later he returned to Jena and ac-