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Dear colleagues and friends,

This year is marked by the loss of our longtime colleague Elly Karle (you can see her in the middle row, third person from right). Her passing in March left us all in sorrow and in disbelief that such a cheerful personality was taken away from us at such young age. Elly Karle was a highly respected person at the institute and we all still miss her being around.



Having this in mind, it is hard to report on the positive things which happened in 2016. I will thus mention only a few important events. Yes, we won new research projects and finished others. Three PhD students defended their theses and made a step into the next period of their lives. At the same time, we do have five new PhD students who started their projects.

Marius Majewsky left us and moved to Heidelberg University. I would like to thank him for the four years we could work together. We welcomed two postdoctoral researchers: Ewa Borowska joined our group to continue her work on organic micropollutants and Gisela Guthausen, the Head of the DFG Instrumental Facility Pro²NMR at KIT, has been associated to the Engler-Bunte-Institut.

This year, Gudrun Abbt-Braun was elected as President of the International Humic Substances Society (IHSS). I was elected as Dean of the Department of Chemical and Process Engineering.

The ABC (Advanced Biofilm Course) took place in Karlsruhe this year. Another course dealing with biofilms was given by Michael Wagner and myself in Frankfurt. The course is organized by the Water Chemistry Society (GDCh) every two years.

On the next pages, you will find a more detailed report on the projects and activities of our group in 2016.

I wish you all the best for 2017

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