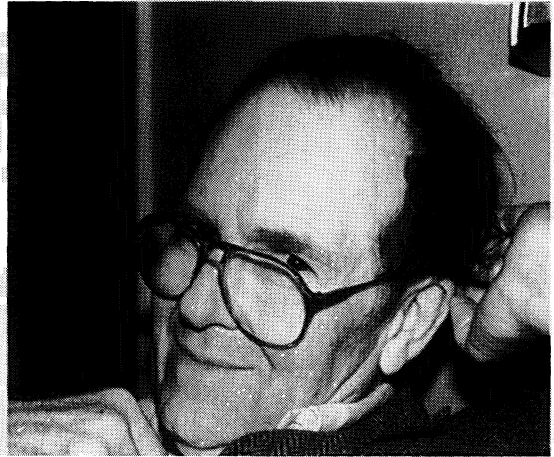


Res Jost



Arthur Wightman

This special issue of CMP is dedicated to Res Jost and to Arthur S. Wightman. It stands for our recognition and our admiration for their leading role in the attempt to put the theory of elementary particle physics on a solid mathematical foundation. Theirs was a crucial contribution to the challenging – and still not finished – endeavour to bring mathematical rigour and beauty into a branch of theoretical physics where it was often not so easy to separate facts from fancies. Besides being strong researchers both Res and Arthur have left a lasting footprint in the world of mathematical physics through their power of teaching. Each one of them in his own characteristic and unique way was the teacher for a whole new generation of young scientists. Their success and their lasting influence cannot be explained just by their being leaders in their field. With all the weight of their strong personalities they impressed upon their disciples a deep sense for what good and honest and beautiful science was. Through their own example they also demonstrated how to embed the tasks of a scientist in the general endeavour of human existence. Their love and affinity for nature and history, for music and poetry has been inspiring for many. But most important of all they have offered their personal affection and friendship to all of us – including many who unfortunately have not been able to contribute to this volume.

Res and Arthur, we thank you.

Arthur Jaffe,
On behalf of your students,
your colleagues, and
your friends