



**30/10/2020**

**Mr. Herbert Titz, R.I.P.**

**Dear AEFP Members, Dear Friends and Colleagues,**

It is with deep regret that I must announce today that our dearest friend and colleague Herbert Titz, sadly passed away from Covid 19 on Thursday 29/10/2020.

On behalf of the Board and members of AEFP, I wish to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Herbert's family, extended family, and friends. Herbert was pre-deceased by his beloved wife Marianne.

As you know Herbert was a very strong advocate for the concept and the importance of the Entente Florale Competition as a unifying force, fostering the ties of friendship across Europe. Herbert was a member of the Board of Directors of AEFP and held the post of President on two occasions. Herbert was a very kind and helpful friend to all who knew him.

In his work Herbert achieved great things for Entente Florale Europe and for Austria. Throughout his life Herbert's primary focus was his beloved family. Herbert also had a great interest in nature, the environment, plant life and most of all his sense of humanity and community. The establishment of Entente Florale was one of his great achievements and he was very proud of recent developments to improve and expand our Organisation. Indeed, we will all cherish his memory. Our commitment and determination will be to further develop and improve the legacy of this great Competition which Herbert has left to us.

Herbert's family has lost a wonderful and gentle father and grandfather, there are also so many other people who will miss him dearly, particularly his dearest EFE colleagues in Austria, Martin Wagner and Johanna Renat, those within his local community and colleagues within the Blumenbüro Österreich Organisation.

In recent weeks Herbert fought his battle against Covid 19 with great courage and dignity. However, the battle against the Pandemic is a momentous one which has affected so many across our community, Europe.

Our much loved and respected Herbert will be very sadly missed by his dear friends and colleagues in AEFP, Entente Florale Europe and beyond.

May he Rest in Peace.

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**Dr. Rüdiger Paul Kirsten**  
**President A.E.F.P.**

