## A WONDERFUL LABORATORY AND A GREAT RESEARCHER

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It was great to be associated with Prof. Karl Rawer. He devoted his life to make use of the wonderful laboratory of Nature, the Ionosphere. Through acquisition of the experimental data from AEROS satellites and embedding it with data from ground stations, it was possible to achieve a better empirical model, the International Reference Ionosphere. Prof. Rawer has been as dynamic as Ionosphere. His vision about the ionospheric data is exceptional and has helped the scientific and engineering community to make use of his vision in advancing the dimensions of empirical modeling. As a human being, Prof. Rawer has all the traits of an angel from the Heaven. In short he developed a large team of researchers forming a blooming tree from the parent node.