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Here is a brief summary:

Born, raised and educated in Germany, experienced the second world war as a teenager. Emigrated to the United States in the late 1950's. After an eight month employment in Northern California during the construction of the first German built wood particle board plant, settled in Pittsburgh, PA

Employment in sales, product development, research and management positions with:

Dravo Corporation (14 years)

Ferro-Tech (5 years)

PelletTech/HKS (1½ years)

Mars Mineral Corp. (5 years)

Teledyne Readco (10 years)

During this time I participated in the development and proliferation of size enlargement processes, such as iron ore pelletizing and the agglomeration of fuels, minerals and chemicals.

Joined IBA during the year of the name change to IBA, in 1967. During my membership I served on the board of directors, served as president for two 2-year tenures and retired from the board in 2001, was then named lifetime honorary member.

Taught in and directed US and European courses on agglomeration technology in New Jersey, Chicago, Kentucky and Amsterdam, NL, since 1974, often assisted by IBA members as lecturers, such as Ralph Weggel and Wolfgang Pietsch. These courses were sponsored by the Center for Professional Advancement.

Participated in several International Symposia on Agglomeration in the USA, Canada and Germany.

During my career, I authored many papers on size enlargement, obtained two patents and contributed articles and columns for Powder & Bulk Engineering magazine.

My membership of IBA, the many friendships as a result and being able to write the quarterly newsletter has been a very rewarding life's experience. I retired in 1994 and have been active in consulting as AME Pittsburgh.

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