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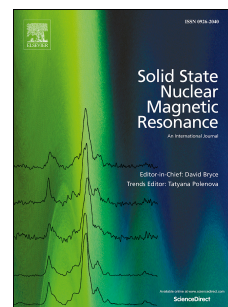
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## Jean-Paul Amoureux: Having Fun with Quadrupolar Nuclei

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Fig. 1. (a) Jean-Paul Amoureux dressed in a T-shirt and shorts presenting the z-filtered MQMAS sequence at the IX<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Magnetic Resonance in Colloids and Interface Science held in St Petersburg (Russia) in 2001. (b) Rare picture of Jean-Paul wearing a nice outfit.

This special issue of *Solid-State Nuclear Magnetic Resonance* is a tribute to the impact our friend, colleague, and mentor Jean-Paul Amoureux has had on the field of solid-state NMR of quadrupolar nuclei over the past 30 years. The impetus for this issue is the fact that Jean-Paul Amoureux reached his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday at the end of 2016. We do not expect this minor milestone to have any effect on Jean-Paul's scientific productivity. Nevertheless, this event is a convenient excuse to assemble a collection of articles that provides a snapshot of the state-of-the-art in solid-state NMR of quadrupolar nuclei.

It is indeed a great honor and pleasure for us to write some words about Jean-Paul Amoureux. However, at the same time, it is a big responsibility since Jean-Paul has always been reluctant to accept prizes and honors. For instance, he has never accepted, despite many invitations, to write an historical perspective about his scientific

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