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This issue of *Communications in Mathematical Physics* is dedicated to Walter Thirring on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday on April 29, 1987. By this means the editors wish to honor a man who has not only made important contributions in many diverse areas of mathematical and theoretical physics, but has also played a leading role in fostering fruitful interchanges between mathematics and physics. Among the ways in which he has done this is by the creation of an important school of mathematical physics in Vienna, by his directorship of the CERN Theory Division, and as one of the founders and first president of the International Association of Mathematical Physics. Above all, Thirring was one of the earliest, most consistent and most successful advocates of the point of view that mathematics and physics inform each other and that good mathematical physics is both good mathematics and good physics.