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Stereology: personal recollections

My purpose is to present a few personal recollections relevant to the evolution of stereology from the beginning of my academic career in the early 1970's, to date. Technical details were given in [1], hence the presentation is informal, and subjected to personal biases affecting any witness. In some sense, the underlying story was one of missed opportunities: the implementation of important results that 'were there' at a given time was often delayed for many years. The interaction between teachers and participants at the international ISS courses played a decisive role in the emergence of 'assumption free' stereology.

References

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