

## Emphasizing the Development of the Journal: English Title **VISCERAL MEDICINE** as of 2016

A closer look at the cover of the first issue in 2016 reveals that the journal *VISZERALMEDIZIN* has changed its title to *VISCERAL MEDICINE*. Publisher and editors thus underline the continuous transformation of this long-standing interdisciplinary publication – now in its 32nd volume – into an international journal. The new title consequently follows the decision to publish articles exclusively in English. This transition was implemented in 2014 [1] and qualified the journal for inclusion in PubMed Central (PMC). Apart from English as the language of publication, the second essential requirement for acceptance into PMC is free access to the articles. We therefore decided to implement delayed free access. This means that all articles of an issue are freely available on the journal's homepage one year after publication, and they can then be found in PubMed. So far more than 90 articles from *VISZERALMEDIZIN* are registered in the PubMed database [2].

As with any title change, suggesting *VISCERAL MEDICINE* as the new title generated long debates and intensive discussions among everybody involved. In the end the majority agreed that 'this title hits the mark!' We sincerely hope that our readership agrees with this statement and invite you to share your comments, suggestions, and remarks. Your input will help to advance *VISCERAL MEDICINE*.

We look forward to opening a new chapter with the journal and count on your ideas and your continuing support.

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### References

- 1 Why English? *Viszeralmedizin* 2014;30:6.
- 2 [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=%22viszeralmedizin%22\[Journal\]](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=%22viszeralmedizin%22[Journal]).