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This first issue of 1996 inaugurates a volume of Digestive Surgery which will feature extra content and exceptional scientific contributions. Equally important, subscribers can look forward to receiving the entire volume within the next six months, guaranteeing timely publication. Below is a brief preview of the issues readers can look forward to receiving in the following months:

The second issue of this volume will appear in April and is entitled 'Surgical Treatment of Chronic Pancreatitis: New Standards'. This informative topical issue is authored by international experts who outline important issues in the treatment of chronic pancreatitis and give practical guidelines on drainage procedures and pancreatic resection.

A selection of peer-reviewed original papers, reviews, case reports and the popular 'How I do it' section will be featured in issue three. Issue four and five will be dedicated to the topic 'Abdominal Sepsis' which will include extensive contents of approximately forty papers. Readers will definitely find this issue to be a valuable reference work in that it provides a multifaceted overview of all clinical aspects of abdominal sepsis as well as contributions from basic researchers.

Finally, the last issue, which is to appear in October 1996 in time for the 5th United European Gastroenterology Week, will be a regular issue featuring an array of international contributions. We would also like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the new cover page design and several minor additions which should be helpful for citation purposes. The journal logo now appears at the beginning of each paper and the papers' citation lines and bibliographic information are listed as footnotes on each page.

Editing a bimonthly journal in this challenging field of medicine is always a difficult task. However, thanks to the competent backup of both our editorial assistants and the skilled staff of S. Karger Publishers, we can look forward to regularly bringing you a journal of high scientific standing.

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