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We are pleased to announce that Digestive Surgery is now the official journal of the Collegium Internationale Chirurgiae Digestivae (CICD). Most readers are familiar with the many activities of the CICD. For almost thirty years, the CICD has been promoting the study of digestive surgery at an international level and facilitating cultural exchanges between different countries as well as organizing conferences and refresher courses.

It is fascinating to look back over this span of time and reflect upon the many advances which have occurred from the time the CICD was founded. New knowledge together with sophisticated technical advances have provided surgeons and patients with better, safer and less invasive options. Interdisciplinary cooperation and pharmacological improvements have also made an important contribution to maximizing patient care.

However, today's digestive surgeon is constantly challenged by the need to keep abreast of these rapid new developments. A prime endeavour of the CICD has always been to provide a forum in which all digestive surgeons can review recent progress and discuss controversial issues in the field. With its selection of Digestive Surgery as its official organ, we feel that the CICD has acquired an ideal medium to pursue its important goals.

May we take this opportunity to encourage you to submit your next paper to Digestive Surgery. Your active participation will do much to ensure that the journal remains a valuable and lively forum of international debate.

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