Editorial Note

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In 1968 I took over the editorship of the journal *Medicina Thoracalis*, which was previously known as the *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Tuberkulose und Pneumologie*. My main aim was to introduce the journal into the field of medical pneumology. Shortly afterwards, the journal's title was changed to *Respiration*.

Over the past 29 years of my editorship, I have been supported by a very active international Editorial Board. The number of submissions to the journal has increased substantially. The journal is well cited and has established itself as an attractive medium for the publication of experimental and clinical studies. The support of contributors and readers has assured a selective peer review process and accelerated publication.

I believe that the time has now arrived for me to hand over this most pleasant and interesting task to a younger colleague and Editorial Board member, Associate Professor Dr. Christoph T. Bolliger (Basel). I am convinced he will prove to be a very enthusiastic and successful Editor. During the transition period, Dr. Bolliger and I will share the editorship of the journal. Dr. Bolliger will assume full responsibility as Editor of *Respiration* as of January 1998.

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