Editorial

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Effective from the first issue of 1993, Digestion, the International Journal of Gastroenterology, announces a new editorship. The Editorial Office has moved to Marburg. The undersigned will serve as Editor-in-Chief and Assistant Editors. Furthermore, the Advisory Board has been reorganized. While doing this the editors have aimed to consider specialists from all fields of interest. These personalities, furthermore, were considered to represent the international community which supports the journal as authors and readers.

Under the distinguished leadership of the former editor, Werner Creutzfeldt, Digestion gained significant acceptance among the European journals with a focus on clinical and experimental gastroenterology. It is worthwhile to mention that the journal has a long and impressive tradition. It was founded in 1895 by BOAS as the 'Archiv für Verdauungskrankheiten' and later continued as Digestion.

However, within the last few years, modern research and clinics, have changed dramatically. With the

introduction of molecular biology and cell biology techniques into the routine laboratory work, classic approaches in scientific gastroenterology have been revolutionized. We feel that it is necessary to respond to these changes. Therefore, it is our aim to direct the journal more towards modern gastrointestinal physiology to supplement the clinical aspects of published papers. By encouraging scientists to submit papers utilizing state-of-the-art approaches to problems in gastroenterology, we hope to improve the quality of the journal further.

One new idea is to publish brief, highly focused (invited) reviews which should cover recent developments in certain areas of gastrointestinal research. Another formal new concept is that Digestion will in future be published at 2-month intervals with a new 'outfit'.

We certainly appreciate suggestions or comments aimed to improve the journal's performance. Please, do not hesitate to contact us. We are convinced that with your cooperation we will make Digestion an ongoing success.

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