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Dear Reader

With the last issue of 1994 my term as managing editor of Gerontology has come to an end. Now I have the pleasure of introducing to you my successor, Prof. Dr. William Meier-Ruge as the new managing editor.

William Meier-Ruge is professor of pathology at the University of Basel and an internationally renowned gerontologist. For many years he has been working in the field of experimental gerontology with special interests in neurobiology and neuropathology. Major achievements of his scientific work are the development of sophisticated morphometric methods for the study of brain aging through which he was able to reveal new insights into the classical and much debated question about the age-related loss of brain cells in man. He has also made important contributions to biochemical research, especially of

the energy metabolism of aging neurons under the particular aspect of the intercellular relationships within brain tissue. As a neuropathologist, he is also focusing on aging-associated diseases, especially senile dementia and stroke. William Meier-Ruge is the author of numerous scientific publications, books and popular articles in the field of gerontology and geriatrics.

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