Editorial

As Editor-in-Chief I had the privilege to serve the journal *Digestion* for 10 years from 2004 to 2014. For almost eight years, my friend Chris Beglinger has accompanied me. We have revised the journal to focus mainly on clinical research reports. We were interested in studies addressing the human physiology of the gastrointestinal tract and liver, metabolic studies, and clinical work on the etiology, diagnosis, and therapy of human disease. This resulted in an increase of submissions, in quantity and quality.

I am thankful for the many reviewers who helped me find a good and rich mixture of manuscripts ensuring the publication of attractive and interesting issues. Without the help of my co-editor Yasuhisa Shinomura from Sapporo and my Managing Editors Frank Kolligs and Christian Rust it would not have been possible to do the job. Further, the dedicated Associate Editors and the team at Karger Publishers have been extremely helpful for us.

It is thrilling and honorable to work for a journal with such a long-standing tradition. *Digestion* was founded nearly 120 years ago as 'Archiv für Verdauungskrankheiten' by Ismar Boas, the pioneer of gastroenterology in Germany. Among the former editors were Werner Creutzfeldt and Rudolf Arnold, my former teachers. This was also a good reason for me to support the journal to the best of my abilities.

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scientific journals to survive. *Digestion* has found its place in the concert of GI-journals. I hope the journal will develop well. I am happy that Volker Ellenrieder from Göttingen, who was so far supporting us as Associate Editor, will now take over as Editor-in-Chief, teaming up with Y. Shinomura. I wish the new team the very best and all success.

Burkhard Göke