Editorial

For ten years, Professor Burkhard Göke was the head of *Digestion* together with Professor Yasuhisa Shinomura. Under their leadership, the journal *Digestion* has become an integral part of the medical fraternity. It has enabled the modern understanding of the functions and diseases related to the gastrointestinal tract.

Professor Göke has now decided to resign from the position of Editor-in-Chief. With the dawn of the New Year, the baton has been passed on and it is with great pleasure that I would like to thank him and the Karger publishing house for offering me to take over the role of Editor-in-Chief. I am aware what a great privilege and honor it is to head this prestigious journal.

Digestion has a long tradition of having as part of its team outstanding gastroenterologists and researchers. Ismar Boas, the founder of this journal, the former 'Archiv für Verdauungskrankheiten' is also known as the founder of the field of Gastroenterology! The present editorial office traces back its steps to Göttingen, where Professor Werner Creutzfeldt (Editor from 1979–1992) was the director of the Department of Gastroenterology and Professor Rudolf Arnold (Editor from 1993–2003) started his career in this historical place.

The guiding objective of this journal has always been to address a broad international readership, with a special European-Asian focus. It shall stay and hopefully evolve further into an indispensable tool for gastroenterologists and researchers of the gastrointestinal tract, pancreas and the liver, their function and disease. Within this scope, recent findings on interventional endoscopy and gastrointestinal oncology shall be discussed.

Together with my Co-Editor-in-Chief, Professor Yasuhisa Shinomura, my newly appointed Managing Editors Dr. Silke Cameron and Dr. Ute König, I am eager to receive your manuscripts and hope to provide the target readers of *Digestion* with excellent articles in clinical and translational gastroenterology. We also plan to start a novel series titled 'To-the-Point,' which will comprise articles as a clinical update source for continued medical education in gastroenterology.

I am looking forward to performing this new task together with my team of managing and associate editors, as well as a newly formed Editorial Board. I am positive that inspiring conversations with this team and the reviewers will help *Digestion* to remain a successful publication in the field of gastroenterology.

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