Editorial

It is our great pleasure to inform you, the distinguished readership of *European Surgical Research*, that the honorable German Society of Surgery decided to enter an affiliation with our journal. With this welcome step, Karger Publishers publishes the research abstracts that have been submitted and accepted for presentation at the annual congress of the German Society of Surgery held in Munich from April 28 to May 1, 2015. Within this issue, we announce the online access to the abstracts and we encourage you to visit the link for insight into the broad and exciting spectrum of surgical research in Germany. With this affiliation, the Surgical Research Section of the German Society of Surgery will enhance its international visibility and international collaboration.

European Surgical Research provides an international platform for basic and translational research and clinical investigations, impacting directly on surgical care and management. The continuing aim of *European Surgical Research* is to publish high-quality papers and to further a vivid exchange of information between the fields of surgical research and applied clinical surgery.

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