Editorial

Dermatology is inextricably linked to the international academic development of the field of dermatology and venereology. It has been published continuously since 1893, making it one of the oldest journals within our field. Until 1938, the title was *Dermatologische Zeitschrift*. From 1939 to 1992, it was published under the title *Dermatologica*, when it was modernized by Prof. J.-H. Saurat. Just like the names of Lassar, Hoffmann, Lutz and Schuppli, the name of J.-H. Saurat will always be linked with the journal, which was expanded under his editorship that coincided with a particularly fertile period of development in skin biology. Although Professor Saurat has more than 1,000 scientific communications, >14,500 citations and an h-index of 55 to his name – and continues to publish new research – it is another of his extraordinary achievements to have been the Editor-in-Chief of *Dermatology* for 30 years. It is therefore both an honour and a great responsibility to replace him as Editor-in-Chief.

The journal will continue as a full journal serving the needs for timely high-quality clinical and scientific information of dermatologists and venereologists globally. Some things will however change. Karger AG is changing the graphics and the front page, but perhaps the most noticeable will be the new feature of invited reviews. These will be introduced starting in 2016 and made available as open access. Changes in the format of the regular scientific papers will also be introduced, hopefully simplifying the methodology sections for the reader and moving some detail to online supplementary materials to free up space in the printed journal for more content and information. Other things will generally disappear. In particular case reports will henceforth be referred to our sister journal *Case Reports in Dermatology* more stringently.

A new board of Associate Editors is being put together to reflect the global relevance of the journal and ensure that both the field of dermatovenereology and our many readers all over the world continue to be well served.

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