Laudatio

Dear Professor Rufli

I gladly and clearly reflect back on the time you took over responsibility of the University Dermatology Clinic and the Chair from Professor Rudolf Schuppli. The interest in our journal *Dermatology*, as it is called today – incidentally, one of the oldest journals dealing with dermatology, having been founded in 1893 – has become tradition in Basel for all those holding this position. This not only because of Professor Wilhelm Lutz, holder of the Chair in 1936 and throughout the war, who played an indirect role in helping the house of Karger Publishers in their move from Berlin to Basel, but also because of the fact that all his successors have held responsible positions in connection with *Dermatology*. Today, the journal holds a place of high esteem in the dermatology literature; not least thanks to the continuing efforts of Professor Jean-Hilaire Saurat.

On your retirement, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given us over the many years of good collaboration. I give you my best wishes for the future with the hope that you will now be able to use your well-earned time to catch up with many of the hobbies which fell short over the years due to the rigorous nature of your career.

With best regards,

Your
Thomas Karger