Editorial

Kidney & Blood Pressure Research (KBPR) is undergoing exciting changes to be seen in the first issue of 2006. The new KBPR has the support of societies from the Czech Republic and Hungary which are active in the field of nephrology and hypertension. This collaboration will be extended in the near future to provide the latest information on hot topics within Central Europe.

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As in the past, the journal comprises both clinical and basic studies at the interface of nephrology, hypertension and cardiovascular research, but will now have a stronger focus on endocrine-derived high blood pressure and other secondary causes of hypertension. Specifically, the topics to be covered include the structural organization and biochemistry of the normal and diseased kidney, the

physiology and pathophysiology of glomerular and tubular function, of endothelial and vascular smooth muscle cell function and of blood pressure control, and the molecular biology of transporters. Also discussed are the physiology and biochemistry of hormones, the molecular biology, genetics and clinical course of renal disease and hypertension, and the renal elimination, action and clinical use of drugs. Here you will find a new series of sharply focused reviews coming from the best research groups in Central Europe. Peer-reviewed original papers and editorials translating basic science into patient-oriented research and disease will remain the core of *Kidney & Blood Pressure Research*. The new editorial team will serve to provide an important source of information for researchers in nephrology, cardiovascular and internal medicine as well as renal transplantation.

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