Publisher's Note

Dear Professor Arnold

In this issue, dedicated to you on the occasion of your 65th birthday, we, the publishers, do not wish to remain silent either.

When you became Managing Editor of *ORL* in 1985, the journal was already 47 years old. Founded in 1938 as *Practica Oto-Rhino-Laryngologica* by J. Berberich, Frankfurt am Main, and E. Schlittler, Basel, it published papers in four languages, German, English, French and Italian. For many years it also served as the official organ of the Swiss and Dutch Societies of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology. Over the years, other Editors were L. Rüedi, Bern, E. Huizinga, Groningen, and C.R. Pfaltz, Basel. During the 1960s, the English language became a more and more predominant medium for internationally communicating scientists. For this reason the journal changed its name to *ORL* in 1972 and chose English as the sole language of publication.

You led the journal successfully for nearly 20 years, until 2002, when your responsibility passed to Prof. B. O'Malley, Philadelphia. Over these many years we developed a pleasant and fruitful collaboration and you have become a personal friend to us and our families. You often expressed your pride in your two sons, who are following in your footsteps as medical professionals, and you still support *ORL* as Associate Editor and are the Series Editor of our book series *Advances in ORL*. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you for so many years of friendship, support and dedication to us and the Karger publications. Congratulations on your 65th birthday and the very best for your future. We hope to be able to work with you for many more years to come.

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