

Editorial

The editors would like to address the readers of this journal and to express some ideas as we take over our tasks from our predecessors K. H. Bässler and A. Fricker. In the last issue we expressed our admiration and our gratitude to them for their tremendous achievement in establishing the ideals of this journal according to the standards of its creator, their teacher K. Lang.

It is our intention to continue the tradition of this journal as being a medium of scientific exchange among the various disciplines that have made nutrition an attractive and fruitful area of research. The journal should continue to be a platform for such diverse fields as clinical nutrition and dietetics, nutritional science and food chemistry, animal nutrition, nutritional biochemistry and physiology, and the prevention of disease in both industrialized and developing countries. We have received recently with satisfaction a number of manuscripts covering the exciting problem of psychological effects caused by different dietary regimes.

In keeping with the journal's established standards, we sought the opinions of external experts, according to the rules of "peer review". Our experience has been that this is a most valuable procedure because, obviously, it helps the author to avoid one-sided or even wrong conclusions. We believe that a helpful and constructive attitude of learned colleagues is here preferable to mere destructive criticism. We would like to express our gratitude and admiration for the generosity of the many colleagues who have performed the unselfish task of reviewing manuscripts for *Zeitschrift für Ernährungswissenschaft*.

This journal will remain a German-language journal for the foreseeable future, but it will continue to be increasingly open to contributions in the universal language of science, which is – like it or not – English. We believe that our younger colleagues, thinking in terms of a consolidated Europe, may come to rely in their careers on the growing body of English-language literature. We therefore encourage authors to submit manuscripts in English if they deem it prudent for better reaching the readership and for generating fruitful discussions.

We are also prepared, as in the past, to consider for publication authoritative reviews on topics of interest to our readers, and we encourage experienced scientists to submit such manuscripts.

In addition, the journal will now welcome submission of short communications, that is, concise contributions that briefly describe the results of noteworthy studies; they will be promptly reviewed for publication.

Two of our next issues will be dedicated for special purposes. The first will be dedicated to the memory of the eminent nutritionist H. Zucker; the second will cover the nutritional aspects of Maillard products. We will

consider reserving other issues for symposium proceedings or other interesting topics. Currently, as a supplement to the journal, a report by a panel of experts on nutritional and health aspects of sugars (especially sucrose) is being prepared.

Moreover, we want to encourage your suggestions for improving this journal and making it even more beneficial for nutritionists.

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