

## Editorial

This is to inform the readership of *Zeitschrift für Ernährungswissenschaft* that two significant changes have taken place.

Firstly, Prof. Helmut Haenel, director of the renowned Zentralinstitut für Ernährung, Bergholz-Rehbrücke, has joined the editorial board, bringing with him a considerable scientific competence. As is well known, Prof. Haenel received the FENS Award at the 1991 Meeting in Athens for his solid reputation in the fields of microbiology of the gastro-intestinal tract, nutrition behavior, nutrition history, and extensive achievements in all areas of nutritional science. This, together with the fact that he is a member of a great number of international panels and scientific societies, has convinced us that he will substantially strengthen the scope of the journal. In addition, Prof. Haenel's collaboration represents a cohesiveness in the nutritional sciences between eastern and western Germany. Moreover, his many ties with scientists in eastern Europe will enhance the scientific exchange between the two parts of Europe formerly separated artificially and painfully by the "Iron Curtain".

This leads us to the second change, which begins with this issue of the journal. The editors and the publisher have decided to adopt the English subtitle "European Journal of Nutrition" for the journal.

The primary reason for this decision was the urging of farsighted members of our Scientific Board, who encouraged us to do so.

Secondly, nutrition science must keep pace with an industry that is becoming increasingly international. More funding of nutritional research by the European Community and the upcoming Common Market both highlight the need to accentuate the international scope of scientific communication and of scientific journals.

During the last 2 years we have been pleased to add several new members to the Scientific Board from Scandinavia, the Netherlands, and Switzerland and we have in mind to broaden step by step the international membership. We further foresee a steadily increasing readership and an expanded international collaboration.

However, to place this in the proper perspective, we consider it appropriate to re-emphasize a statement made in a former editorial: "This journal will remain a German-language journal for the foreseeable future..."; (*Z. Ernährungswiss.* 29:77-78 [1990]). Accordingly, German-language contributions to the journal are particularly encouraged.