

We would like to inform the readership of the *European Journal of Nutrition* (EJN) about an upcoming change in the editorial board of the journal. At the end of 2006, Prof. Helmut Erbersdobler will retire from the editorial board of EJN.

Prof. Erbersdobler started as an editor of the *Zeitschrift für Ernährungswissenschaft* (ZFE) in 1989 replacing Prof. Alfons Fricker. At that time Karl-Heinz Bässler also acted as an editor together with Helmut Erbersdobler. In 1990 Prof. Christian Barth replaced Prof. Bässler as editor and in 1991 Prof. Helmut Haenel joined the editorial board of ZFE. Starting in 1993 Prof. Helmut Erbersdobler managed the ZFE as the corresponding editor. Already in 1990 he insisted on adding the subtitle "European Journal of Nutrition" to

ZFE, which was implemented starting with issue number 3 in 1991. The number of manuscripts submitted in English to the journal increased thereafter steadily. Under the guidance of Prof. Erbersdobler the impact factor of ZFE increased continuously in the 1990s and its ranking amongst the diet and nutrition journals also improved. ZFE was published bilingually until the end of 1998. In 1999 the journal changed its name to *European Journal of Nutrition* and in accordance with its new publication policy accepted and published only articles submitted in English. The international scope of the journal was thus emphasized. Helmut Erbersdobler always strongly supported these changes and continued as an active editor. At that time the editorial board, which previously consisted only of

German scientists, was then expanded to the European level by addition of editors from various European countries. These changes in the journal led to a further increase in the impact factor and the ranking of the journal, and it is our hope that this development will continue in the years to come. Helmut Erbersdobler has significantly contributed to the prosperous developments and some of the changes leading to the journal's success are due to his continued and persistent efforts. The *European Journal of Nutrition* would like to thank Professor Erbersdobler for his long-standing contributions and support and wishes him good health and success in his future scientific and personal activities.

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