

Editorial

In the last several decades urology has developed with extraordinary vigor until it is now a discipline in its own right. This development has, of course, been expressed mainly on the clinical side through constant improvements and refinements in diagnosis and therapy. Indissolubly linked with this advance is the research effort directed toward elucidation of the physiology of the kidneys and urogenital system, and the etiology, pathogenesis, pathophysiology and pathomorphology of anomalies and diseases of the organs in question. The knowledge so acquired contributes to the development of new diagnostic techniques and optimal procedures for conservative and surgical treatment.

These rapid advances of urology on various levels made it seem not merely timely but urgent to establish a special organ for the publication of work relating to this discipline, work hitherto scattered throughout a number of periodicals. It is our hope that this journal will promote the rapid, worldwide

exchange of information on experimental and clinical research in urology and associated disciplines.

We have chosen to publish this journal, Urological Research, which we have founded in collaboration with Springer-Verlag, in English because we wish to ensure that it will be read and circulated in all parts of the world. Our fellow editors include international specialists, themselves actively engaged in research, and hence in close touch with other research groups in their respective countries.

United as we are in our common interest in the further progress of urological research, we invite our colleagues throughout the world to cooperate in this new venture. We shall, of course, be pleased to receive manuscripts, but we shall also welcome constructive suggestions and criticisms concerning the journal.

The Editors