

Editorial

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At the latest meeting of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Legal Medicine*, Prof. Walter Bär MD, former Director of the Institute of Legal Medicine at the University of Zurich, and Prof. Wolfgang Eisenmenger MD, former Head of the Institute of Legal Medicine at the University of Munich, announced their wish to resign from their positions as editors of the *International Journal of Legal Medicine*. Prof. Walter Bär has occupied the post of editor ever since the German-language *Zeitschrift für Rechtsmedizin* was relaunched as the *International Journal of Legal Medicine* in 1990. Prof. Wolfgang Eisenmenger has been a consultant for the journal since 1990 and a member of the Editorial Board since 1999. Within the scope of their work for the *International Journal of Legal Medicine* over a period of more than 20 years, Prof. Walter Bär and Prof. Wolfgang Eisenmenger have made a major contribution to promoting the forensic sciences and developing the journal into the leading international journal in the field of legal medicine—in addition to the high-calibre scientific papers they themselves produced. On behalf of the members of the Editorial and Advisory Boards of the *International Journal of Legal Medicine*, but also on

behalf of all the members of the forensic science community, we would like to thank Prof. Walter Bär and Prof. Wolfgang Eisenmenger for all their work.

Furthermore, we would like to thank Prof. Szibor and Prof. Herrmann, who are leaving the Advisory board.

We wish our departing colleagues much health and energy for the future, so that they will be able to continue contributing to the advance of the forensic sciences.

With regards to future perspectives and developments, we are very glad to welcome new members of both the Editorial and the Advisory Boards of the journal: Prof. Ubelacker and Prof. Schmeling, two outstanding and internationally recognized scientists with special expertise in forensic anthropology, and Prof. Skopp, a well-known specialist in forensic toxicology, will strengthen the Editorial board, while Profs. Fracasso, Ishikawa, Inoue, Kayser, Lessig, and Poetsch have been appointed as new members of the Advisory Board. We are sure that the new members of the Boards are fully prepared to actively contribute to the journals further development in the interest of the forensic science community.

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