

Editorial

The merging of Virchows Archiv A and B in 1994

There are many continuities in scientific thought and, on rare occasions, these are matched by the development of journals. Our new journal, *Virchows Archiv an International Journal of Pathology* follows this model; it allows the continuation of the traditions of *Virchows Archiv* and the *Frankfurter Zeitschrift für Pathologie* which have been enshrined in two publications, *Virchows Archiv A* and *B*, since 1968, and it also reflects the multidisciplinary nature of modern pathology.

Virchow's original Archiv (which was founded in 1847) was intended to encompass all aspects of our discipline, but we now use the skills of many different disciplines and synthesize them for use in practise. A pathologist may use many techniques thought of as experimental in his or her daily work – boundaries are not appropriate. Experimental pathology has evolved in a way which is increasingly relevant to practise, and the interval between the development of a new system and its implementation in many laboratories becomes shorter. Surgical pathology defines problems for the experimentalist as medicine becomes more interventionist – many aspects of histo- and cytopathology cannot be practised in ignorance of the current science.

Our intention is to reflect this changing view; we therefore welcome papers on any relevant aspect of practical and experimental pathology.

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