



In August 2003 the Walter de Gruyter publishing house was successful in acquiring the journal *LaboratoriumsMedizin/Journal of Laboratory Medicine (JLM)* for its portfolio of medical and scientific journals.

The journal is published by the Deutsche Vereinte Gesellschaft für Klinische Chemie und Laboratoriumsmedizin (German United Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine) (DGKL) as its official organ. *LaboratoriumsMedizin*, now in its 28th year of publication, appears six times a year, and was last published by Blackwell Verlag in Berlin.

The journal reports on the latest findings and current developments in laboratory medicine. It is intended for all doctors and scientists working in medical diagnostic laboratories, together with the users of the results of medical laboratory methods in research and clinical practice. The languages of publication are German and English.

“With the specialist journal *LaboratoriumsMedizin* our products in the areas of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine, led by *Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)*, become even more attractive,” says Wolfgang Böttner, Subject Leader for Medicine and Sciences. For the editors, it was the attractive environment which was the deciding factor in the change – “In Walter de Gruyter, the JLM has found a new publishing house which has a past record of commitment in the areas of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine with the publication *Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine* and textbooks and specialist publications, and which intends to strengthen this commitment in the future,” says Prof. Arnold von Eckardstein, Editor of the JLM.

Laboratoriumsmedizin will receive a 50% increase in its number of pages with Walter de Gruyter. This will allow the range and length of review articles to be extended, which will give the authors of original papers the chance for more detailed exposition and discussion.

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specialist circles, journals and last but by no means last at their annual conferences.
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