Editorial

Welcoming address by the new Editor-in-Chief

Dear Reader of *Biomedizinische Technik/Biomedical Engineering*,

May I introduce myself: I am Olaf Dössel, the new Editor-in-Chief of this journal – and I am very happy that I got the job! I simply think it is a great journal. In each and every issue I always find so many articles that attract my interest.

Armin Bolz has done a great job during the past 9 years. Starting off as Co-Editor of *Biomedizinische Technik/Biomedical Engineering* in 2001, he took over the role of Editor-in-Chief from Prof. Dr. Ulrich Boenick in 2006. Armin Bolz – together with the Associate Editor team – pushed the journal significantly forward by establishing a rigorous peer review system, broadening the scope, introducing the concept of special issues on “hot topics”, and increasing international visibility. In 2009, Armin Bolz decided not to extend his term because he would like to move onto new professional challenges. Thank you, Armin, you have done a great job as Editor-in-Chief, and the scientific community owes you a lot! Good luck in your new enterprises!

I do see a great future for this journal. Biomedical Engineering is an extremely important topic for healthcare, soci-

ety, and industry. An ever increasing number of interesting research projects are carried out worldwide and we want to offer them an excellent floor to share the most important results with the scientific community.

I do have several ideas how to promote this journal further – I will discuss these ideas with the Associate Editors and the publisher and we will realise the most promising ones. I would like to push the idea of special issues with some contributed and some invited papers around a topic of very high future potential. I would also like to personally ask senior scientists to write review articles and encourage young research group leaders to give a comprehensive view on an emerging field.

For me, it is a great honour to be Editor-in-Chief of *Biomedizinische Technik/Biomedical Engineering*. I am very much looking forward to carrying out my duties and I will give my best to fulfil the high expectations of both authors and readers.

Olaf Dössel