

Editorial

Dear Readers,

With its vote of approval in 2010, the German Council of Science and Humanities, Germany's top advisory body on science policy, paved the way for a unique project: the medical school at the University of Oldenburg. Two years later the Faculty VI School of Medicine and Health Sciences was founded – the first new medical faculty to be established in Germany in twenty years. A concept first proposed by the University's founding committee in 1971 had thus finally become a reality.

Over the last six years the School of Medicine has grown and thrived, thanks in no small part to unparalleled planning and financial support from the city of Oldenburg and the entire region. One main objective has already been achieved – the establishment of a first-class medical training programme. With its transnational structure the European Medical School

Oldenburg-Groningen (EMS) is one of a kind in Europe.

Oldenburg's School of Medicine is also well on the way to achieving a second major objective – that of extending its research across borders and disciplines. You can find out more about its progress in this issue.

In an interview the Dean Hans Gerd Nothwang and Dean of Academic Affairs Klaus P. Kohse provide a comprehensive overview. We also introduce you to anatomist Anja Bräuer. She wants to gain a better understanding of how the brain works so that for example diseases like Alzheimer's can be diagnosed at an earlier stage. We take a look at the work of urologists Friedhelm Wawroschek and Alexander Winter at the Klinikum Oldenburg, where they are conducting successful research in the field of prostate cancer.

And from experts Lena Ansmann and Alexander Friedrich we learn about the activities of healthcare researchers in Oldenburg and Groningen.

Alongside the medical focus this issue also offers answers to other socially and scientifically relevant questions – such as how plant cultivation can be socially sustainable, how science is portrayed in contemporary literature, what trace elements can tell us about the oceans, why almost a third of students in Germany are dropping out of college, and what influence the philosophers Theodor Adorno and Jürgen Habermas had on the 1968 movement.

We wish you a most enjoyable read!

Yours,
the EINBLICKE editors.

