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Karger Publishers of Basel, Switzerland, is a leading international biomedical publisher. Currently, production comprises 78 journals and approx. 150 book titles per year, both research and clinical, the majority of which are in English.

The publishing house was founded by Samuel Karger (1863-1935) in Berlin on April 1, 1890. His son, Heinz Karger (1895-1959), relocated the company to Basel in 1937. Thomas Karger (born 1930), the current President, assumed leadership of the company on the death of his father in 1959 and set new horizons with the establishment of a worldwide network of branch offices and representatives in Freiburg, Paris, London, New York, Bangalore, Bangkok, Shanghai, Singapore, Tokyo and Sydney. His son, Steven Karger (1959-2008), representing the fourth generation of the publishing family, assumed most of the leadership responsibilities in 1999. Since his death in 2008, his responsibilities have passed to his sister, Gabriella Karger (born 1964). Proud of its history as an independent family-owned corporation, the company is the largest scientific and medical publisher in Switzerland, employing 300 persons worldwide.

Although the expansion from print to electronic media, and the Internet in particular, has opened new means of accessing and using medical information, the publisher's main concern, to provide high-quality content, independent of its form, remains unchanged. The main goal in guiding the company towards the future is to supply specialized search tools to enable the reader to discover hidden treasures and concise details on any topic he seeks. Karger publications are indexed in all important bibliographical services, such as PubMed.

Karger has spent the past century as a publisher working to connect people who want to share their knowledge with those who want to learn, embracing a corporate philosophy summarized by the phrase 'Connecting the World of Biomedical Science'. The company intends to hold to this philosophy, keeping pace with new technologies and developing practical solutions as an expression of its strong commitment to meeting the information needs of the scientific community.