



Professor Henri Tagnon, Editor 1965–1989

Thank you, Professor Tagnon

It is a great pleasure for me to pay tribute to Henri Tagnon on the occasion of his retirement this year from the editorship of the *European Journal of Cancer and Clinical Oncology*.

In his 'Message from the Editor' which appeared in the November issue of our Journal, Professor Tagnon thanks the referees who have given of their time and expertise to maintain the scientific standard of the Journal: to quote him 'they perform one of the most disinterested philanthropic actions and are an encouragement for those of us who keep their faith in human nature'. What Professor Tagnon fails to mention, of course, is that it is his own reputation, and the widespread knowledge of his own commitment and enthusiasm that has been the catalyst for this pooling of scientific endeavour.

The question of finding a successor to Professor Tagnon has been difficult — individuals with his commitment, zeal, and enthusiasm are hard to find. We have been fortunate, however, in attracting Professor Michael Peckham to the post, and full details of his plans for the further development of the journal will be announced in the first issue of 1990.

‘Retirement’ is a concept which does not seem compatible with the image of Henri Tagnon and no doubt he will be embarking upon another great venture in celebration of the start of the next decade: I offer my sincere thanks and personal congratulations.

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