

Editorial

Accepting the torch

With this issue of *Metabolism*, we formally enter a change in leadership of the journal that, at the level of evaluation of manuscript submissions, has already occurred, effective July 1, 2010. It is a great honor for me to succeed Professor Field who, so skillfully and successfully, helmed this journal for an impressive 41 years. Over this long period, Professor Field really nurtured the journal and led it to impressive heights. I can thus accept the torch and move forward with his legacy that greatly inspires me to build on this momentum by undertaking the leadership of a great journal with the goal of making it even greater.

We are currently receiving an ever-increasing number of submissions that force us, because of constraints imposed by the finite number of pages at our disposal, to reject more manuscripts as time goes on. This, albeit not pleasant in the short term, is also certainly leading to a continuously increasing impact of the journal and the articles it publishes.

The journal will be given a new look and will start accepting more types of papers, including, but not limited to, mini-reviews, brief reports, and fast track papers presenting cutting-edge research. In addition, the spectrum of areas in the scientific field of metabolism that the journal is covering will be expanding to keep pace with the growing and changing nature of our field. Finally, our articles will have a uniform appearance conforming to new guidelines to be published online very soon. More changes will follow, gradually and seamlessly, over the next few months.

What is not going to change, however, is our unwavering commitment to continue publishing the highest quality of science in *Metabolism*. The journal will continue to strive for publishing outstanding work with strong translational potential in all areas of metabolism. The hope is that the articles we publish will eventually have a major impact on the way we understand mechanisms underlying health and disease and on the way we will be preventing, diagnosing, and treating disease states associated with metabolic disorders.

Metabolism is and will remain an internationally recognized journal. I will endeavor to expand the “international flavor” of the journal not only by publishing work of investigators from around the world but also by specifically inviting mini-reviews and editorials that will be presenting views that may differ from continent to continent or from country to country. I am also planning to expand our body of reviewers and associate editors. The goal is to make the

editorial board of *Metabolism* more diverse; we hope to include experts from more scientific areas in the field of metabolism, to include more scientists from overseas and, last but not least, to include more women. I have been consulting with all members of our editorial board along these lines and will continue my active discussions with them. I am also planning to initiate meetings of the editorial board members, which will be occurring during one of the annual international meetings of a leading scientific society, to discuss science, to debate ideas, and to decide on new directions for the journal.



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My goal is for every scientist in our field to consider this journal as critical monthly reading. I hope to be able to accomplish this lofty goal by continuing to attract the best manuscripts in the field; review them in a thorough, rigorous, but also expedited manner; and publish, within a very reasonable time frame, only the best articles in *Metabolism*. To achieve this goal, I rely on our authors to submit only their best work to *Metabolism*, on our editorial board members for their best advice, on our reviewers for their in-depth critiques, and on all readers for their constructive feedback.

I sincerely hope that if we, editors, editorial board, reviewers, authors, and readers, continue to work smart and hard together in terms of submitting, reviewing, improving, and eventually publishing the best science in *Metabolism*, this journal will certainly achieve even greater heights and will eventually become the very best in our field. In the meantime, I will be communicating with you regularly

about our progress, the specific changes that will be occurring, and the pace at which we will be implementing them. Please rest reassured that myself and everybody else involved in publishing this journal are all working very hard to make this great journal, which we are all proud of, even greater.

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