

From the Editors

News and Comments

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AFTER MANY MONTHS OF PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS, we are finally in a position to announce the arrangements which will ensure the continued appearance, and hopefully excellence, of *Cardiology in the Young*. Thus, it is our pleasure to announce that, commencing in 1997, the Journal will be published by Greenwich Medical Media of London.

The transfer of responsibility for publication is significant in many ways. There is little doubt in our minds that the standard of publication from our initial issue has been of the highest quality, particularly the ability to publish full color illustrations at no additional charge to our authors. That this proved possible was exclusively due to the efforts of José Ferreiro in securing the most advantageous terms for publication in and distribution from Hong Kong. It is very likely that these arrangements will be retained by Greenwich Medical but, if that proves not to be the case, we will ensure that the standards of publication, including full color illustration, will be maintained.

At this cross-roads in our development, we express our immense gratitude to Lucio Parenzan and Giancarlo Crupi for their tireless support as together we produced the initial volumes. It is known to some, if not all, that Lucio resigned from the Journal primarily to devote himself to the *International School* established in Bergamo under the auspices of himself and John Kirklin. The School continues to flourish. We hope to bring you more information concerning its activities in our future issues.

The editorial success of the Journal has, unfortunately, increased the delay from acceptance to publication, as the quantity and quality of the papers submitted continues to grow. The most cursory of glances through this current issue will attest to the scientific excellence of the content of the published manuscripts. Still further manuscripts of outstanding quality are presently in the process of review, and others arrive weekly in the Journal post-bag. This leaves us two options. Either we start to reject manuscripts simply on the basis of editorial priority, or else we increase the number of pages so

as to include all those papers which satisfy our scientific requirements and find favor with our reviewers. It is the second policy which has the support of Greenwich Medical, but unfortunately such a change cannot occur immediately. We request your patience, particularly those of you who are authors, as we seek to establish the infrastructure which will permit us to increase our issues from four to six per volume.

Now, with the management and production of the Journal in the capable hands of Greenwich Medical Media, we can also put you in the picture concerning future arrangements on the editorial side. The Journal will now be produced editorially exclusively through the London office headed by Bob Anderson. Day-to-day editorial activities, and schedules for publication, will be the responsibility of Felicity Gil. We are also hoping to continue to work extremely closely with Bill Henry in Chapel Hill, Hiromi Kurosawa in Tokyo, Fernando Lucchese in Porto Alegre, and Edgardo Ortiz in Manila. In this way, we will ensure that the Journal is properly represented and promoted in the parts of the world which are relatively distant from London and Chapel Hill. Tim Garson, now returned to Houston, has been encouraged to continue his excellent series which explores financial and management issues in the international provision of services for diagnosis and treatment of cardiac disease in the young.

In concluding this chapter of our existence, we express our special thanks to all who have served thus far on our editorial board. Changes are inevitable in the future as we change our management structure. We hope we can count on the continuing support of our existing and new board members as we change step. Most significantly, we hope our current readers will remain loyal, and a wider audience will be introduced to our pages. What value has a Journal that is not read?

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