

## From the Editor

Dear Reader:

I attended the 39th Annual Meeting of the Council of Biology Editors in Portland, Oregon, at the beginning of May. All aspects of scientific publishing were represented by the more than 350 attendees from eleven countries. This group comprised of scientific editors, copy editors, production specialists, printers and publishers. I came away with a great deal of information and many new ideas to further improve the *Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology* and increase the efficiency of its production. As always, I am also most interested in any suggestions or ideas that you have and would welcome your input.

I am delighted to report that the AmSECT Board of Directors has approved three new awards for *Journal* papers. We have wanted to recognize the authors of case reports, review articles, and technique papers in addition to the authors of the best original scientific paper, who have been recipients of the Fellowship Award. Now the author of the best paper in each of the three categories will receive an award and a check for \$250.00.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Palmer Stark, CCP  
Editor

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