

## From the Editor

Dear Readers:

As 1996 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the many people who have played a role in making the Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology a valuable and respected publication for the perfusion community.

First, I applaud the authors, for without them there would be no Journal. Many papers presented research projects undertaken at our major academic training centers. I commend the perfusion educators for recognizing the importance of developing in their students the ability to engage in research and write papers and for incorporating this into their curricula. This ensures our continuing development as a profession. I also thank the many practicing perfusionists and educators who took the time to share research, case reports, and techniques.

I offer my sincerest appreciation to the Editorial Board for their commitment of time and skill. They carefully reviewed each manuscript and made thoughtful and constructive comments. The Manuscript Editors, working with the authors, have ensured that the final draft of each paper was scientifically sound and understandable to the reader. Tara Hoke, our Managing Editor, has done a great job overseeing the many steps from the submission and distribution of manuscripts to their eventual formatting and publication.

Finally, I thank the AmSECT Board of Directors for their constant support. The Board's emphasis on continuing education and professional development is manifested by the many programs offered to our members. I am very pleased that they consider the Journal an important part of this mission.

The Editorial Board and I extend our wishes for a joyous holiday and hope that the coming year will bring success and fulfillment.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Palmer Stark, CCP  
Editor

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