

From the Editor

Dear Readers:

It is with somewhat mixed emotions that I write this letter. I have decided to step down as Editor of the Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology after serving in this capacity since 1991. This is the last issue that I will oversee.

I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the continued positive evolution of our perfusion research and publication. I am proud to have contributed in any way to this process. I will always be thankful for the dedication of the editors, who made a commitment to find time in their busy lives to provide their expertise and energies to the peer review process. The AmSECT Board of Directors has given its unwavering support to the Journal and for this too I am grateful. Appreciation is also due to the authors for the time and efforts they expended to explore the science of cardiopulmonary bypass and share their findings with the perfusion community.

This explains any reluctance I might have about stepping down. I value the friendships and associations made during my tenure as Editor and feel truly fortunate to have been part of the Journal. However, I do look forward to enjoying many more discretionary hours in my day. There are numerous interests and volunteer activities that I will be able to devote this found time to and I'll have more time for family and friends.

I am delighted that Al Stammers will be taking over as Editor. He has played a major role in the Journal both as a Manuscript Editor and contributor. Mr. Stammers will bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the Journal and support the process of improvement that started when it was first conceived in 1968.

Finally, to our readers, thank you for your interest and encouragement over the years. I hope the Journal will serve you well and support your practice of perfusion.

Sincerely,

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Editor

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