

**EDITORIAL**

## It's Been a Great Year

This year we have had guest editorials for the journal. We have been very fortunate to have some of the best pediatric cardiologists in the country do editorials during this year. We started out with Dan Penny, then Andrew Reddington, then Jim Lock, and most recently, Hugh Allen. I have taken the liberty of interrupting the guest editorials for the journals during the year because of some wonderful news about the journal that was just released. We will have another great guest editorial by Dr. Jane Newberger for the next issue.

The impact factor for 2017 just came out. We have had a dramatic increase in our impact factor over the past year. In fact, this year there has been a greater increase than any other year of the journal's existence. We also have gone up in the rankings and are now in the top third of all cardiology journals currently being published. I couldn't be happier with the ongoing success of our journal.

I want to thank Wiley and all of the people who have worked with me at Wiley Blackwell for their ongoing help, particularly Ben Hogan as senior editor. I also want to thank an outstanding advisory board but particularly Drs. Penny, Qureshi, Burger, and Setty.

Having a digital format has allowed us to publish more articles. In the past, we were publishing 12 to 15 original articles per issue and now we are doing 22 to 25 per issue. We continue to have outstanding state-of-the-art articles, as well as special articles, excellent new original articles, the Fellows' Forum, the Education Forum, and wonderful guest editorials. We continue to have so many original articles to publish that we are not able to do case reports and have not done case reports for the past number of years.

I am excited that we are possibly going to do special issues, one in the Fall on patent ductus arteriosus and perhaps one later in the year on congenital coronary anomalies.

Most of our major contributors come from North America and Europe but we have seen an increasingly larger number of papers being submitted from the Far East and Asia. It truly is an international journal of congenital heart disease.

I do think the journal has achieved its objective, namely, to have one journal where all aspects of congenital heart disease can be housed in one place. We have articles relating to clinical cardiology, both pediatric and adult, electrophysiology, heart failure and transplant, surgery, anatomy, preventive cardiology, all forms of imaging, and fetal. We have forums where fellows can publish a single-authored manuscript and also opportunities with forums for nursing and educational topics. I am very pleased with the diversity of the journal and its ability to encompass all aspects of congenital heart disease in one journal.

We will continue to try to keep our turnaround time approximately 3 to 3½ weeks and continue to publish the best articles in all areas of congenital heart disease. I am really pleased at what is happening at the journal and look forward to directing its growth and development over the next number of years. Thanks again for all your support. It's been a very good year.

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