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Valedictory editorial

As you will be aware I only write Editorials infrequently. For example, around the turn of the year I like to thank all our colleagues, Authors, Reviewers, members of the Editorial Board and the staff at SAGE for all their hard work during the year. I especially like to thank our readers for their continuing support. However the 30th June 2021 is a very significant day for me personally as I shall cease to be your Editor in Chief at the end of that day after twenty eight and a half years in the role.

It has been an incredible privilege for me to have spent so long with you and I want to thank you all most sincerely for allowing me to share this time with you.

I became Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Engineering in Medicine* on the 1st January 1993 and since that time we have increased our issues from 4 to 12/year and have expanded our international authorship magnificently. I took over the Editor's role from my friend and Mentor, Professor Duncan Dowson who, to my delight, remained as a Board member until his passing in January 2020. Duncan and I exchanged telephone calls regularly and he always asked about the Journal which remained so very dear to him.

However it is now time for the Journal to move onward and upward and I am delighted to welcome my successor, Professor Liz Tanner who has been a very active Associate Editor with Part H for many years and I trust that you will give her the loyal support that you kindly gave to me. Publishing is changing dramatically and as I hand over to Professor Tanner I am delighted to wish her and all of you, every success for the future.

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Inaugural editorial

It is a privilege to take on the Editorship of *Journal of Engineering in Medicine* from Tony Unsworth. To serve for nearly 30 years as Editor of a journal was unusual even in the first part of the 20th Century, to do so in the late 20th and early 21st Century must be nearly unique. My first, and very pleasant duty, is to announce that Tony is not really leaving the Journal, merely becoming the Emeritus Editor. The *Journal of Engineering in Medicine* has been special to me since my first paper was published with my status given as 'Undergraduate' when Bernard Lucas the founding editor and Duncan Dowson were the Editors. I am really honoured and delighted to take on the mantle of Bernard Lucas, Tony and Duncan. After 50 years of the Journal to be the fourth Editor is an honour.

We have to thank Tony for his efforts bringing the journal from the days of paper and physical photograph submissions to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers to today's electronic submission and review with our publisher SAGE. I would like to thank the Editorial Board and Associate Editors for the support they have given the Journal over the years since I joined the Editorial Board. I know I will require their expertise and support as I take on this job.

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