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Greetings from Sam Bond and Kelly Cloninger

As the new co-chairs of the *Journal of Biocommunications (JBC)* management team, we send a warm greeting to all the contributors and readers of the *JBC*. We are excited to be a part of such an incredible team, and we look forward to taking these next steps with management, readers, and contributors. We have always been proud of how unique the *JBC* is, with its multidisciplinary synthesis of articles, images, and media. As science continues to evolve, so must our methods of communicating it. We look forward to carrying on the proud legacy of the *journal* while encouraging that evolution, just like the content it hosts. It is our goal to meet the needs and interests of the community, and we appreciate your continued support.

Special Thanks to Gary W. Schnitz

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Gary W. Schnitz, the former Chair of the Journal management board. Gary's excellent leadership, ideas, and dedication have been instrumental to the *JBC* for many years, and it's difficult to imagine where we would be without him. For years, he has been responsible for leading and synthesizing a uniquely diverse set of articles, ideas, concepts, images, and media into an informative

publication unlike any other. Thank you Gary for the assistance and guidance while we transition, and the invaluable insight you continue to provide as a member of the management team.

Introduction to Issue 47-1

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We appreciate the ongoing support from the *JBC* community around the world. In particular, we acknowledge the support of the Association of Medical Illustrators and the BioCommunications Association. It is a privilege to be the professional academic journal of these two great organizations.

JBC Showcase - The Imaginative Work of Steven J. Harrison

Our first JBC Showcase features the award winning medical illustration of Steven J. Harrison. Steve was awarded AMI's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012, and in 2009 the BioCommunications Association inducted Steve as a Louis Schmidt Laureate. In 2010, after 16 years of leadership in the department and an outstanding career in medical illustration, the School of Allied Health Sciences at Augusta University (Medical College of Georgia) presented Steve with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. This gallery features 45 of Steve's award-winning illustrations.

JBC Gallery

Our JBC 47-1 Gallery includes the award winners of BCA's 2022 BioImages exhibition. We hope that you enjoy this extensive photographic and motion media exhibition from last year's annual event.

Your Feedback is Appreciated

We rely on our readers for feedback about the Journal, and we invite you to share your thoughts with us about any of our columns and articles. We always appreciate your suggestions for improvement.

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