

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

### The 2006 BBMT Education Supplement

I am pleased to offer you the 2006 Educational Supplement on Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation, which includes articles prepared by the plenary and concurrent scientific session speakers of the 2006 BMT Tandem Meetings held in Honolulu, Hawaii. This is the second year in which an Education Supplement has been published by the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR) and the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT).

This Education Supplement is designed to enrich the experience of all meeting attendees by providing topic overviews, key figures and tables, and helpful references. Fellows-in-training, investigators, clinicians and other allied medical personnel who work in BMT but are unable to attend the conference will likely find useful these synthetic, state-of-the-art reviews.

The 18 chapters in this publication were written by leading experts in the fields of biostatistics, genomics,

hematology, histocompatibility, immunology, infections, biology and treatment of lymphoma and myeloma, experimental and clinical transplantation, and tumor and transplant immunology. All the papers are sprinkled with the latest unpublished data from the leaders in the field.

Two special topics were nanotechnology and aging: I hope some of you will be inspired by these disciplines to incorporate novel diagnostic or therapeutic tools in clinical BMT, and identify the physiological and pathological processes that accompany age and that truly interfere with a healthy recovery after BMT.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the authors for their effort to make this publication come to life, and give special thanks also to the Associate Editors for their insightful and timely reviews.

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