

Editorial

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As we begin the 148th volume of *JTCVS*, I write this editorial to bid adieu to my supportive Associate Editors, Editorial Board, and readership. As they say, all good things come to an end and I will be leaving as Editor of the *JTCVS* in December.

Over the past 7 years the impact factor has risen and the numbers of manuscript submissions have increased dramatically. Our new sections have been met with enthusiasm and interest. We were one of the first journals to print an Education and Training section which has become extremely important for the surgical disciplines and the abundance of articles we are receiving from all over the world highlights the importance and timeliness of this topic.

Expert Reviews, written by talented experts in their field of interest, have become a very popular addition to *the Journal* as are “Reflections of the Pioneers” which are memoirs of what were once new operations and therapies in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery written by the true pioneers of our specialty.

One cannot leave a job without thanking the people responsible for the success of our accomplishments. I have been supported by a tremendous Editorial Board comprised of a remarkable group of physicians dedicated

to the clinical and academic mission of cardiovascular diseases. My Associate Editors who work tirelessly to make *JTCVS* the most prestigious journal in our field. Most importantly, many heartfelt thanks to my Managing Editor and right hand man, Ryan Walther, who has taught me a lot and made my role as Editor enjoyable. Also thank you to Nicole Baritot and Lisl Jones who worked tirelessly in the editorial offices, and my longtime Administrative Assistant Ann Maloney who supported me and my editorial efforts these past 7 years.

The publishing business is in fluctuation currently as we migrate to online material but the printed pages still have an enormous impact and I look forward to the *JTCVS*' continued excellence under the Editorial leadership of Richard Weisel from Toronto, Canada beginning January 2015. Dr Weisel was a former Associate Editor and Editorial Board member for many years and has held many other prestigious editorial positions. I feel confident the transition will be flawless.

Finally, I want to thank our authors for sending to us the best papers in the field of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery in the world and to our readership for your faithful support of *JTCVS* over the years.

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