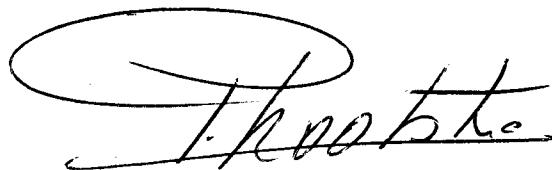


This is issue number one of volume six of *Transplant International*. You will notice that something has changed. But is it just a "face lift" or a real "new look"? Actually, it is both, but even more. The number of high-quality manuscripts submitted to our journal has increased so considerably that publication time with four numbers per volume became unacceptably long. In cooperation with our publisher, Springer-Verlag, it was therefore decided to increase our output to six issues per volume. For this special occasion, a new cover was designed. Several requests had been made to print the contents of each issue on the cover of the journal in order to enable the reader to quickly search for topics of special interest. Other colleagues were confused by, or felt uncomfortable with, the hyphen separating "TRANS" and "PLANT" on our old cover, and so this has been changed.

Five years of *Transplant International* are now behind us. Original and invited articles, reviews,

editorials, and letters have been published. Hundreds of reviewers have shared their expertise in order to maintain quality and to speed up publication time. Interest in the journal, both inside and outside Europe, is heart-warming and most encouraging. It is thus with great confidence that we embark upon our next 5 years with this issue of *Transplant International*. Happy reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gauke Kootstra'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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