

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers of TI,

It is time, to give the position as Editor-in-Chief of Transplant International into the hands of a younger generation, as I will step down from this position by December 31, 2014.

Looking back, we have had the privilege of developing the journal from an impact factor of <1 to a stable mark beyond 3. The journal has an annual submission rate of around 800 full papers, and we print 150–180 source items per year, resulting in a rejection rate of approximately 75–80%. TI has a stable position within the ten top transplant journals and within the twenty top surgical journals.

We have been lucky to guide the transition from the previous publisher to Wiley Blackwell, we have witnessed the period of changing from paperwork to ScholarOne Manuscripts, which sped up turnover time dramatically. More

recently, on the request of the ESOT Council, *Transplant International* will go *Online Only*, and presumably, *Open Access* policy will be a task of the new editors.

It was my privilege to serve as Editor-in-Chief of TI for 18 years and I wish the new Editors and the journal to grow further and to continue the street of success.



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Editor-in-Chief

