Editorial

The first decade

This issue marks the 10th anniversary of Annals of Oncology, an impressive milestone for a journal devoted to science and medicine.

Such a periodical which after 10 years of publication is not fairly well established – has failed to find its niche – will inevitably disappear soon. With some confidence we can say that this will not happen to Annals of Oncology.

Its present situation looks good: while there is ample room for improvement, the impact factor is satisfactory; we are approaching our target of receiving 1000 papers/year; circulation continues to increase rapidly and the journal’s financial situation is more than sound. Moreover, it is the most comprehensive of the major oncology journals, encompassing as it does all of the many facets of oncology.

But because the quality of a journal must continuously improve we proceed with our policy of regular renewal. As of this issue there is a new Associate Editor for Pediatric Oncology (P. Voûte, Amsterdam), the Editorial Board has been renewed to a significant extent, and we are seeking a new... Editor-in-Chief. It is not only because the bylaws of ESMO specify that the Editor-in-Chief be appointed for five years, renewable only once, that I am considering relinquishing my position in the near future, but because I feel that after a decade someone else should take over – the pioneering phase is past and the time has come for consolidation of the journal’s position. There is still a tremendous amount of work to be done, and the position of Editor should not be held too long by any one person. I feel certain that after another decade Annals of Oncology will have exceeded its present position as one of the more influential of the oncology journals.

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