well as your open social ideas on society. The last time we met was in London on 19 July 2008 at the National Infertility Day organized in recognition of 30 years of IVF. Both of us lectured at the meeting and our discussions afterwards were caught on camera (see Fig. 2).

There are many more 'souvenirs' of these years but space does not allow. Let me close by repeating my sincere congratulations on the Nobel Prize and sincere thanks from all of us.

Very, very best wishes,

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Editor-in-Chief Human Reproduction
of his own pocket and bringing back gifts for us all from 'foreign' places. Returning from one notable trip to North Africa he recounted that his request to purchase from the local trader, 16 mementos, 11 for work colleagues and 5 for his daughters, brought such admiration that he got a really good price!

Another decade has passed and we are in a new century but *Human Reproduction* continues to thrive, keeping up traditions started by Bob Edwards as well as developing in new areas. The fascination of publishing in this fast-moving field remains and the journal continues to maintain its devotion to research and debate and hopefully its high quality also. So, once again, congratulations Bob, and also thank you for giving *Human Reproduction* such a good start in life.