It has been 1 year since 10 new editors and a new Editor-in-Chief took over the daunting job of steering *Endocrinology*. As we strive to continue to be the top, nonclinical, basic research journal covering all aspects of endocrinology, we continue to make changes to enhance the value of the journal to our readers.

First, thanks to the work of previous Editor-in-Chief Jeffrey Pessin and his team of editors, we continue to enjoy an impact factor above 5 (for 2007, the most recent figures). Although many consider the impact factor to be a flawed statistic, rightly or wrongly, it is used by many as a metric of the worth of a journal and the individuals who publish in it. Noteworthy is the fact that an amazing 1.3 million PDF files of articles published in this journal were downloaded from our web site in 2007. *Endocrinology* ranks 16th of all of the journals in endocrinology and metabolism and in the top 5% of all journals catalogued by Thomson Reuters.

This year, submissions to *Endocrinology* continued to increase (by about 10%). To deal with this increase and to maintain the number of pages we can publish, we have had to disappoint some authors as we become a bit more selective in our acceptances. Beginning in July, we placed limits on the number of words and figures in each paper. We believe that this will make our papers even more readable. Additional data can always be submitted for online retrieval as supplemental data.

We continue to encourage authors of integrative research manuscripts to submit their best work to this journal. Although many of the studies that we publish are mechanistic, this is not a requirement for publishing in *Endocrinology*. Solid integrative studies that are not mechanistic are valued as are more mechanism-based papers.

In 2008, we began publishing Technical Communications, short technical reports describing new techniques or new animal or cell models that would be of immediate interest to our readers or novel approaches to endocrine problems. In 2009, we will be introducing Young Investigator papers. These are invited, short reviews written by rising stars in our field with the assistance of a more senior investigator. We, of course, are continuing our quarterly, ever-popular Minireview series and our News & Views highlighting particularly noteworthy articles.

For the past 5 years, we have made two awards annually for students who were first authors on our most highly ranked papers. We are continuing to make these, which come with a monetary award, complimentary registration at the annual meeting of The Endocrine Society, and presentation at The Endocrine Society’s Awards Dinner.

With this issue, we are publishing a very short summary (précis) of each paper in the Table of Contents telling readers why they should be interested in the article. Our clinical sister journal, The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism (*JCEM*), began doing this last year. Also, *Endocrinology* and Molecular *Endocrinology* now highlight clinical papers published in *JCEM* that should be of interest to basic researchers. *JCEM* is doing the same, giving further visibility to basic science articles.

You may not realize that the full-text, electronic versions of articles published in The Endocrine Society journals contain a link on each figure to a PowerPoint Slide for Teaching that you are welcome to use in teaching, laboratory meetings, and other similar settings. I also encourage you to sign up on our journal web site for e-TOCs, the electronic Table of Contents with convenient links to each paper e-mailed each month. You can also sign up for RSS feeds that bring articles directly to your computer.
Something to look forward to later in the year: this year marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of the landmark paper, “Organizing action of prenatally administered testosterone propionate on the tissues mediating mating behavior in the female guinea pig.” This article, published by Phoenix, Goy, Gerall, and Young in this journal in 1959, represents the birth of the field of sexual differentiation of the brain and behavior. It is fitting that we will make this paper available for download later this year.

I welcome Donald DeFranco and the new Associate Editors to the helm of Molecular Endocrinology. And as always, I thank the hard-working Editorial Board that, along with our 10 editors and editorial office staff, do the heavy lifting of evaluating and processing each and every one of the 2000 papers that are submitted to our journal annually. Collectively, we will continue to maintain The Endocrine Society’s journals as the top basic research journals in this multifaceted discipline.

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