

EDITORIAL

25 and going strong

As you would have noticed in the cover, there is an anniversary to be observed: *Transplant International* is celebrating the 25th year of its existence. On this special occasion, Gauke Kootstra, the journal's first Editor-in-Chief, remembers the founding story and reflects on the early years of the venture in an Editorial in this issue. We think that this is an appropriate time for modernizing *Transplant International's* appearance with a new cover design, which will from now on feature a selected figure from a paper published in the respective monthly issue.

A lot of things have changed over these 25 years, within *Transplant International* and in its surroundings. One major aspect was of course the change to Wiley-Blackwell Publishing in 2005, a company that has been a commendable partner ever since. As testament to the upward development of the journal, we have seen a steep increase of submissions over the years. This necessitates a stringent selection process during peer review (current acceptance rate for original articles stands at approximately 20%). While understandably frustrating for authors whose submission has been rejected, this rigorous selection of high-quality papers for publication is the prerequisite for the continuing positive development of *Transplant International* toward the top-ranked journals within the field.

Although many things change, some time-proven policies remain. We will continue to publish Invited Review Articles in every issue, which will be freely accessible online. There will also be a Focus Issue again this year, this time on the topic of antibody-mediated rejection with Georg Böhmig and Kurt Derfler as Guest Editors. Moreover, we are proud to report that despite the increasing number of submissions, our turnover times have remained competitive.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Andrew Burroughs into our team of Associate Editors. The Associate Editors' contribution is vital to the performance of the journal and, counting on them, we look forward to the upcoming challenges with confidence.

Due to the lasting support of the community, the notable dedication of authors who submit their papers to the journal and the excellent work of the reviewers, *Transplant International* is on a promising path to continue its success-story beyond the first 25 years.

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