

EDITORIAL

All entities move and nothing remains still-Heraclitus

Dear readers,

Change has always been an intrinsic part of science and scientific publishing. In recent years, the pace of change has been accelerating again. Throughout this time, Transplant International has been establishing and maintaining an international reputation as a high-quality journal in the field of transplantation. Building on its current position, the future of this journal shall be shaped through continuous change.

Transplant International has entered the fully digital era, abandoning paper for good. We strongly encourage authors to take advantage of the electronic publishing format by enhancing clarity and readability of their manuscripts through the liberal use of color in figures and tables and through the inclusion of videos or other electronic material in their submissions. The journal deliberately continues to offer two choices of publishing format, open access (“[Online Open](#)”) and conventional publishing, allowing each author to choose for their article the option that best serves their needs.

In addition, we have implemented the following innovations to further increase Transplant International’s scientific quality and competitiveness:

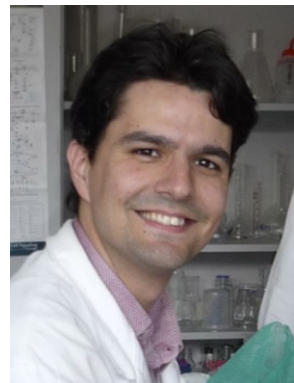
1. **Statistical Editor:** To ensure an in-depth, professional review of the statistics of submitted manuscripts, Georg Heinze, PhD, joins our team as statistical editor. He is an Associate Professor of Medical Statistics, Biometrics and Epidemiology at the Medical University of Vienna, with extensive experience in performing statistical reviews for scientific journals. His own research focuses on biostatistics, regression modeling, outcomes research and survival analysis.
2. **Social Media Editor:** Pietro Cippà, MDPHd, took on the development of Transplant International’s social media presence. Pietro Cippà is a physician-scientist at the Department of Nephrology at the University of Zurich, with a strong interest in clinical and basic research in the field of organ transplantation. Please follow us on twitter: [@transpl_int](#)
3. **Associate Editors:** We want to thank Bernard Banas, MD, whose term as Associate Editor has expired, for his contributions to Transplant International. We welcome Stuart Flechner, MD, (Cleveland Clinic, USA) who joins the team of Associate Editors.
4. **Updated author guidelines:** Author guidelines have been updated and are in effect as of April 2015. In addition to changes in format and style, Transplant International now specifically requests authors to adhere to international reporting standards for clinical trials and



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meta-analyses (i.e., CONSORT, STROBE, PRISMA and MOOSE). We ask authors to review the new guidelines prior to submission of their manuscripts.

We will closely monitor whether these innovations will prove successful and will continue to implement additional ones over time. We ask for your support during this ongoing process and welcome any feedback you might have!

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Wekerle and Rainer Oberbauer

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