

## EDITORIAL

## What a ride!

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Editors-in-Chief

As our term as editors ends on Feb 28, 2021, we want to thank the entire team that makes publishing *Transplant International* possible. We are grateful to our *editorial office staff* Lukas Schalleck and Kremena Gerakova (and previously Kerstin Pöschl and Martin Meyrath) who diligently looked after each submitted manuscript; to all the *Associate Editors* who shouldered a large workload and whose expert recommendations were critical in deciding the fate of a paper; to our *Statistical Editors* Georg Heinze, Daniela Dunkler, and Maria Haller whose input increased the methodological quality of the studies we published; to our *Social Media Editor* Irene Bellini who distributed the published content to a wider audience; to our publisher *Wiley* and to *ESOT* for its support through this time.

The last year was a special one in many ways. For *Transplant International* it meant receiving a record number of submissions (1145 new submissions, +63% increase over 2019) that the editorial team and the

reviewers handled brilliantly, maintaining the highest standards of peer-review while at the same time providing the authors with a decision in a swift manner with an average time to first decision of 25 days (down from 30 days in 2019).

So we go out in a prosperous time for *Transplant International*. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Editors-in-Chief for the last 6 years. During this period we had to reject a high number of studies submitted to us, without doubt disappointing many authors. We want to assure you that we did so while trying hard to never lose focus on the goal of publishing content of the best possible scientific quality identified through rigorous, impartial peer-review.

We wish *Transplant International* and its new editorial team under the leadership of Thierry Berney all the best for the future!

Yours sincerely,

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