

EDITORIAL

Editorial: changing of the guard at *Transplant International*

Transplant International has enjoyed the status of a respected journal in the field of organ transplantation under the 5-year leadership of co-editors-in-chief Thomas Wekerle and Rainer Oberbauer. Wholehearted thanks are due to these two formidable physician–scientists who have succeeded to maintain a high level of scientific quality and increased the impact factor of the journal that was entrusted to them.

As the leaders of the new editorial board, we are taking on our new tasks with a strong sense of commitment towards the journal's readership and the European Society of Organ Transplantation (ESOT) to which it is associated. It is also with great enthusiasm that we are developing a vision for *Transplant International*, building both on the work accomplished by our forerunners and on the innovative formats and ideas ESOT has demonstrated notably in its scientific meetings and educational activities in the recent past.

To help us realizing our project, we have strived to build a team of editors with a good balance in gender, geography, age and field of expertise. Gender equity should be self-evident in the 21st century and it is our pride to have near-perfect gender balance in our editorial board. Outreach to all regions of the transplant world is a goal inherent to the name *Transplant International* and will be pursued thanks to the inclusion of editors from all six continents. Innovation is brought forward by fresh ideas, new mindsets and out-of-the-box reasoning, for which it is key to listen to and actively involve the new generation, which we have translated into a rejuvenated editorial board. Last, we have moved over the past 50 years from times where transplantation was the medical cutting edge in the management of organ failure to the advent of organ reconditioning and regeneration as the new frontiers in the field. *Transplant International* will increase the presence of basic sciences, regenerative medicine and biotechnology in its pages, thanks to the enhanced




participation of scientists from these fields to the editorial board.

In these times, we are finding ourselves in an ever-changing world of information, of new technologies and of new avenues of communication. The online-only format of *Transplant International* will facilitate the implementation of new formats, new visuals, interactivity and author engagement with new tools of dissemination.

Transplant International is the journal of ESOT and this relationship should be the fertile ground on which new formats and materials will develop in its pages. We believe that strengthening the ties between both parties will be to their direct mutual benefits, but will also increase the sense of community between ESOT members and *Transplant International* readers. An enhanced presence of ESOT-associated materials in *TI* and of *TI* in ESOT events and activities is foreseen.

Under our stewardship, *Transplant International* aims to be the premier journal publishing the key basic science and clinical developments in organ replacement medicine, including all aspects of transplantation, organ reconditioning, cell therapy, regenerative medicine, bioengineering and artificial organs. We believe that this should be achieved by integrating cutting-edge materials with innovative formats, communication tools and editorial processes.

We will inform you in more detail on the new developments we want to implement for the journal, but be ready and look out for the new formats, new types of articles and new tools of dissemination that will progressively appear in *Transplant International*!

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