New developments in the *Journal*

Lawrence H. Cohn, MD

As the second volume of 2008 begins, I would like to share some thoughts, some new features, and more contemplations.

In this issue, there is a summary of the proceedings of the American College of Cardiology, an important meeting with an impact on cardiovascular surgeons. Although there is surgical input to this meeting, most practicing cardiovascular surgeons rarely recognize the important context of this meeting and what our cardiology colleagues are thinking. Drs Fred Resnic and Akshay Desai from the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital have concisely summarized the topics of this meeting that pertain to the practice of cardiovascular medicine and surgery. We plan to continue to summarize the proceedings of other important meetings affecting cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons and believe that these summaries will keep us up to date with what our colleagues in the cardiovascular and thoracic service line are currently accomplishing and thinking. If you have any comments about this concept or other important meetings you might like summarized, please let us know.

Another new feature being introduced is Expert Commentary. These articles are written by recognized experts totally immersed in the various fields who are invited to give their valued opinions and provide us all with a current overview. We have already published comments on surgical simulation and cardiac research, as well as a piece by the Lasker Awardee, Dr Albert Starr.

As stated in my initial editorial, we are working toward the concept of the cardiothoracic service line and have taken some steps in this direction. This is reflected in our current Editorial Board, which has now been expanded to include cardiac anesthesiologists, critical care physicians, and cardiac perfusionists. I believe that this inclusiveness will become increasingly important as more institutions worldwide develop the service line concept, blending all specialists related to the delivery of cardiovascular medicine. There have also been some style changes for easier reading, allowing us more pages for editorial content. This new interior format will begin to appear in the coming months. We continue to make headway related to continuing medical education through CTSNet (<http://ctsnet.org>). We plan in the near future to highlight short videos on the CTSNet website accompanying articles that describe operative procedures, allowing the reader to watch a video while reading the corresponding article. We believe that this will amplify the learning process by correlating visualization of operative procedures with important clinical data to underscore the validity or lack thereof of specific operative approaches.

In this issue, we also introduce our Associate Editors and current Editorial Board. I thank them for their support and assistance this past 6 months.

From the Division of Cardiac Surgery,
Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard
Medical School.

Address for reprints: Lawrence H. Cohn,
MD, 75 Francis St, Boston, MA 02115
(E-mail: lcohn@partners.org).

J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2008;136:1-3
0022-5223/\$34.00

Copyright © 2008 by The American Asso-
ciation for Thoracic Surgery

doi:10.1016/j.jtcvs.2008.05.003

Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

Editorial Staff

EDITOR

Lawrence H. Cohn, MD
Hubbard Professor of Cardiac Surgery
Harvard Medical School
Division of Cardiac Surgery
Brigham and Women's Hospital

ASSOCIATE EDITOR CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

Pedro J. del Nido, MD
William E. Ladd Professor of Child Surgery
Harvard Medical School
Chairman, Department of Cardiac Surgery
Children's Hospital Boston

ASSOCIATE EDITOR GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY

Thomas W. Rice, MD
Daniel & Karen Lee Chair in Thoracic Surgery
Head, Section of General Thoracic Surgery
Professor of Surgery
Cleveland Clinic
Lerner College of Medicine
Case Western Reserve University

ASSOCIATE EDITOR ACQUIRED CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Hartzell V. Schaff, MD
Stuart W. Harrington Professor of Surgery
Chair, Division of Cardiovascular Surgery
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine

ASSOCIATE EDITOR CARDIOPULMONARY SUPPORT AND PHYSIOLOGY, EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY

Frank W. Sellke, MD
Johnson & Johnson Professor of Surgery
Harvard Medical School
Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery Research
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

ASSOCIATE EDITOR ANESTHESIA AND CRITICAL CARE

Stanton K. Shernan, MD, FAHA, FASE
Associate Professor of Anesthesia
Harvard Medical School
Chief, Division of Cardiac Anesthesia
Brigham and Women's Hospital

ASSOCIATE EDITOR ACQUIRED CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Craig R. Smith, MD
Calvin F. Barber Professor of Surgery
College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University
Interim Chairman, Department of Surgery
Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery
New York Presbyterian Hospital

STATISTICS EDITOR

Eugene H. Blackstone, MD
Director, Clinical Research
Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
Cleveland Clinic

ETHICS EDITOR

Martin McKneally MD, PhD
Professor Emeritus
Department of Surgery and Joint Centre for Bioethics
University of Toronto
Senior Thoracic Surgeon
Toronto General Hospital

E-EDITOR

Bryan Meyers, MD
Professor of Surgery
Washington University School of Medicine
Chief, Section of Thoracic Surgery
Barnes-Jewish Hospital

MANAGING EDITOR

Ryan Walther, MA
Managing Editor
AATS Scientific Publications
American Association for
Thoracic Surgery