Editorial

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As the new academic year begins and the first issue of volume 146 is published, it is an occasion to welcome new members to the *JTCVS* Editorial Board, to say thank you to those who are rotating off, and to acknowledge the top 10 Editorial Board members and ad-hoc reviewers.

Leaving the Board after several years of hard work and dedication to the *JTCVS* are Robert Bonow, John Byrne, Christopher Caldarone, Blase Carabello, Robbin Cohen, Frank Detterbeck, John Hammon, David Harpole, Jr, Charles Huddleston, Antoon Lerut, James Luketich, and Nicholas Smedira. We thank them very much for their excellent efforts on behalf of the *JTCVS*.

We have several new Editorial Board members just confirmed by the AATS Council in May: Vinay Badhwar, Leora Balsam, Munir Boodhwani, Robert Cerfolio, Raja Flores, John Toole, Richard Lee, and Katie Nason. Reappointed to the Board were 2 European colleagues, Thierry-Pierre Carrel and Michael Borger. We welcome these new Board members and thank them in advance for their anticipated hard work.

I would like to wish the President-elect of the AATS, Pedro del Nido, good luck and congratulations. Because of the responsibilities surrounding this great honor, Dr del Nido will be leaving his position as Associate Editor for Congenital Heart Disease, a role he filled with outstanding results. Succeeding Dr del Nido as Associate Editor for Congenital Heart Disease will be Christopher Caldarone from the University of Toronto. He has been a superb reviewer on our Editorial Board and we welcome him to the Associate Editor staff.

Also I would like to present commendation to the top 10 Editorial Board members based on volume as well as timely

and efficient reviews. They are Thierry-Pierre Carrel, Y. Joseph Woo, Chadrick Denlinger, Niv Ad, Paul Kurlansky, Michael Borger, Victor Ferraris, James Fann, Erle Austin III, and Frank Pigula. Also a big thanks to the top 10 ad-hoc reviewers Richard Lee, Vinay Badhwar, John Toole, Tirone David, Elaine Tseng, Jose Bernal, Munir Boodhwani, Leora Balsam, Travis Drinkwater, and Thoralf Sundt.

We welcome all readers to volume 146, which will highlight a number of evolving areas in cardiothoracic surgery. This includes the Cardiothoracic Surgical Education and Training section, which is steadily increasing in the number of submissions because of the variety of educational enterprises throughout the world in training residents and students in cardiothoracic surgery. I think you will find these extremely interesting. Reader feedback would be extremely important and very helpful as we note the changing educational requirements for cardiothoracic surgeons in training and postgraduate education of cardiothoracic surgeons in practice.

On a final, sad note, the AATS recently lost 2 past presidents: Herbert Sloan (60th President, 1979-1980) and Thomas Ferguson (62nd President, 1981-1982). Dr Sloan passed away peacefully on May 18 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the age of 100, and Dr Ferguson passed away peacefully on May 26 in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of 90. Dr Sloan's Presidential Perspective appeared in our June issue, and Dr Ferguson's is scheduled for our August issue. I hope you enjoy reading about their interesting lives filled with innumerable, admirable accomplishments in the field of cardiothoracic surgery and beyond. They will be missed.

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