Publisher's Note

Professor H.R. Schinz (Zurich) founded *Oncologia* as a European journal shortly after World War II in 1948, accepting manuscripts in German, English, French and Italian. Thanks to his patient dedication, the journal gradually acquired an audience and a sound reputation. In 1967, when V. Richards (San Francisco, Calif.) took over as Editor-in-Chief, English became the journal's language of publication and its name was changed accordingly to *Oncology*. In 1976, H. Wrba (Vienna) took on the editorship and guided the journal through a long period of continuous development. Wrba's successor Paul Carbone (Madison, Wisc.) took over the position in 1993. With the advent of the electronic age with its new possibilities, the journal has enjoyed further marked improvements in quality as well as growing international renown. Unfortunately, this fruitful era was cut short by the untimely death of Professor Carbone in 2002. Richard Herrmann (Basel), Associate Editor since 1996, stepped in and took on the duties of Interim Editor-in-Chief until a new Editor-in-Chief was ready to take over.

In the person of Donald Trump (Buffalo, N.Y.) an ideal candidate was found later in the year 2002. His efforts have since helped to further secure *Oncology's* position in its field as an important bridge from the laboratory to the clinic. However, Donald Trump recently accepted the position of President and CEO at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and these added responsibilities led him to resign his editorship this year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank him warmly for his services and kind cooperation during the past 5 years and we hope he will continue to follow the development of *Oncology* with interest.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Dr. Maurie Markman of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas in Houston to the helm of *Oncology* with this issue. We are certain that his vision, drive and enthusiasm will ensure the journal's continued success and growth, and look forward to a pleasurable, efficient and successful collaboration in the future.

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