Editorial

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As Editor of our Journal, it is a privilege for me to talk to you directly and inform you of the latest news on *Hormone Research* as well as my hopes and expectations for the year to come.

Together with the board of editors, I have followed our editorial policy which has been to publish and bring to your attention the best clinical science that is being currently produced by investigators from around the world. I believe that these research articles will be of value to you and serve our common purpose: to increase our understanding of endocrine diseases in childhood and improve the care we can give the children for whom we are responsible. I am pleased to tell you that the number of papers reaching our desk is increasing and, in the last 4 years, has almost doubled. This certainly demonstrates that the journal is becoming valuable to many more paediatric endocrinologists. We are now in a position to increase the number of original articles we accept and bring current research being carried out in many parts of the world directly to your attention. My gratitude goes to all the scientists who have chosen our journal to publish their excellent work. And I hope they continue to do so in the coming year. I would also like to thank the numerous

peer reviewers who have done an excellent job. This is probably the most important stage of the editorial process and I would like to tell all of them how much I value their efforts. Thanks to their hard work the average reviewing time has decreased substantially.

The second task of our journal is high-level education. The minireviews have proved very successful and we have decided to regularly publish 2 per issue. In 2008, together with Stefano Cianfarani, head of the Clinical Practice Committee, we will publish position statements from the committee. The exact agenda is not yet finalized, but we hope to receive 4 papers a year from the CPC. I hope that you will find this initiative both helpful and valuable.

I want to thank the members of the board of editors. I feel that I am lucky to work with such dedicated colleagues from the ESPE, SLEP and APPES. With this partnership of talents, I am confident that our journal has the potential to be even better if it continues attracting such quality papers in the future, thereby leading to improved medical care. I would like to conclude by wishing you all the very best for the coming New Year.

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