Editorial

Dear reader,

Nephron has been, over the last 50 years, one of the leading journals in nephrology. Over recent years, *Nephron Clinical Practice* has provided a publishing platform for manuscripts of considerable clinical significance. It has attracted manuscripts from all continents covering subjects as varied as the epidemiology of kidney disease, its clinical pathophysiology as well as the full spectrum of clinical interventions including those focusing on renal replacement therapy modalities.

I am therefore proud to take over the editorship of *Nephron Clinical Practice* from Professor Steve Powis, who has completed his 5-year leadership of the journal. During that time, Steve has made a huge contribution and consolidated the journal's reputation, thus giving me the opportunity to take over a thriving publication. It is with a sense of pride and challenge that I start my editorship of *Nephron Clinical Practice*.

It is my intention that *Nephron Clinical Practice* moves with the times and generates new interest and readership. With that in mind, the journal will include 5 new sections with expert associate editorship. These will comprise a section aimed at reviewing, commenting on and publishing clinical practice guidelines and standards. It will provide a forum for comments and debates on the nature and scope of published guidelines as well as draw attention to areas where guidelines and new standards of nephrological practices are lacking and needed. There will be a section on critical appraisal of the nephrological literature

and practice to highlight the importance of evidence-based nephrological practice and a critical look at common practices and dogmas, many of which are derived from nephrologists' opinions rather than from hard facts. This section will also provide guidance to nephrologists on how to critically evaluate papers and the literature. A part will be dedicated to clinical trials in nephrology aiming to update the reader of *Nephron Clinical Practice* on latest developments and publications relating to clinical trials. Another section will focus on monitoring developments relating to global changes in the epidemiology of chronic kidney disease and its impact on the global burden of chronic disease worldwide. Finally, a section will be dedicated to continuing nephrological education, providing the reader with a range of learning opportunities including some case discussions and quizzes.

Nephron Clinical Practice has also appointed a new and dynamic editorial board with leaders in all fields of nephrology drawn from around the world. It is intended to give the journal a strong international platform with the involvement of global and regional leaders in nephrology.

I am very optimistic and buoyant about the future of *Nephron Clinical Practice* as a key nephrology journal for the 21st century nephrologists. I intend it to be a companion and guide to all of you in your daily practice of an increasingly challenging profession.

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