Publisher's Note

Community Genetics was founded and edited by Professor Leo ten Kate since its first issue published in May 1998.

As a clinical geneticist he was interested in providing researchers and clinicians with an international forum at the interface of medicine, genetics and society. At the same time it was his declared aim to bring genetics closer to the people, so as to ensure that those at an increased risk receive adequate counseling in order to make informed decisions. It was always one of his concerns that clinical genetic services needed to be open and accessible to all, not only in the developed world but also in developing countries, and to minorities and disadvantaged populations in particular.

Thanks to his continuous commitment and enthusiasm the journal can now be published bimonthly instead of quarterly and has been accepted into Medline, Excerpta Medica and ISI SCIEExpanded. Over the years the circle of contributors has grown steadily.

Professor ten Kate has decided to resign as the journal's Editor-in-Chief and we would like to express our deep gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to the journal and the pleasant cooperation we enjoyed.

As successors we are pleased to welcome Professor Bartha Knoppers and Professor Angela Brand who will continue the journal under its new title *Public Health Genomics* as of issue 12/1/09. In their Editorial (p. 1) Professors Knoppers and Brand present their vision for the journal in the context of the changed title. This change reflects not only specific changes in the aim and scope of the journal, but also changes in the field of clinical genetics in general. Under their combined leadership the journal will be geared towards a stronger presence in the wider field of genetics and will thus be able to broaden its base of contributors and readers in the future. We are looking forward to working with them to ensure the journal's continued growth and enhancement.

Thomas Karger, Publisher