Editorial

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It is a decade since the late Professor Hidematsu Hirai invited me to join him as the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the International Society for Oncodevelopmental Biology and Medicine’s journal, now entitled Tumor Biology. Since his untimely death, I have soldiered on as the Chief Editor ably assisted by Professor Aaron Malkin as the Managing Editor. It is, however, now time for a change and the incorporation of new editorial ideas that will take the journal into the 21st century. It is my pleasure to announce that, as of 1 January, 1995, Professor Sabine von Kleist has agreed to assume the chief editorial duties and, in my discussions with her, many new concepts will be examined and the Editorial Board will gain many new faces. Needless to say, I wish Professor von Kleist, who has been a personal and family friend for over 20 years, every success and the reassurance of my assistance at any time in the future. Nonetheless, Professor von Kleist can have innumerable excellent and feasible ideas and work tirelessly to improve the journal, but unless the members of the society support the journal by submitting their manuscripts and encouraging new society members to also do so, she will meet the same problems that Professor Malkin and I have experienced. No one knows the tolls and tribulations that managing a scientific periodical poses until faced in person with the problem. Professor Malkin has soldiered on with the day-to-day activities while beseeching every member and, in particular, each editorial Board member to submit their novel data to the journal. Despite numerous requests from us both, society members have failed to assist in this context. This trend needs to be reversed if the journal is to become a success and a credit to each member.

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The journal is at a critical phase in its life. The quality of original articles needs to be improved by board member participation. This is essential not only in providing manuscripts but in soliciting top-quality research data from their colleagues and associates. This will result in an increase in the subscription numbers in general and also the number of society members. Professor von Kleist faces a difficult task; she needs everyone’s help and constructive counsel. Last, but by no means least, may I also extend my thanks to Professor Malkin who is also relinquishing his post in 1995 after about a decade of tireless effort. I am greatly indebted to him for his counsel, friendship and collegiality, all so freely and pleasantly given.

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