Publisher's Note

Founded in 1986 as *Fetal Therapy* by Maria Michejda and Kevin C. Pringle, the journal's aim was to provide a forum for the reporting of information of wide interest to the international fetal medicine community. It soon became a principal source and successfully catered for a diverse range of interests in fetal medicine. In 1990, the title was changed to *Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy* in order to better reflect the broadened aim and scope of the journal.

Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. mult. Wolfgang Holzgreve has been at the helm of *Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy* for 12 successful years. His competence and enthusiasm have ensured that everyone who has worked with him, both his colleagues in the field and here at the publishing house, thoroughly enjoyed doing so. Regrettably, he has decided that his term as the journal's Executive Editor-in-Chief should now come to an end and is stepping down from his position with the hope that the journal will benefit from new perspectives from a new Editor.

In his editorial in 1997 [vol. 13, pp. 1–2], Professor Holzgreve outlined the editorial policy he and his team planned to adopt and the direction they intended the journal to take within the framework of the achievements and traditions already established for *Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy* under its previous Editors. These goals were reached and surpassed with ease. As Editor, he successfully led the journal towards the new horizons opened up by the progress which took place in this specialty field and the possibilities of electronic publishing.

We at Karger have had the pleasure and satisfaction to work in close collaboration with Professor Holzgreve. In his years of Editorship, he managed to maintain and even raise the already high scientific level and quality of the journal. We would like to take this opportunity to extend him our very special thanks for his continuous efforts, lively interest, and untiring dedication.

Our warm thanks also go to the Co-Editors-in-Chief Prof. Mark Evans and Prof. Serge Uzan, as well as to Dr. Olav Lapaire (Editorial Assistant) and all the Editorial Board members and Reviewers whose contributions have been essential in shaping the profile that *Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy* enjoys today. Last but not least we thank the authors and subscribers/readers without whose support the journal could not exist.

We send Professor Holzgreve, Professor Evans and Professor Uzan all the best wishes for their futures and look forward to continuing our good working relationship with them after their editorial tasks have been fulfilled.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Professor Eduard Gratacós, MD, of the Maternal Fetal Department at the University of Barcelona to *Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy* as the new Editor-in-Chief. His vision, drive and enthusiasm will certainly ensure the journal's continued success and growth, and we look forward to a pleasurable, efficient and successful collaboration in the future.

Thomas Karger