Publisher's Note

Volume 21, No. 1, 2000, marks a new milestone for the journal *Tumor Biology*. Founded in 1980 as *Oncodevelopmental Biology and Medicine* by the International Society for Oncodevelopmental Biology and Medicine (ISOBM) and renamed *Tumour Biology* in 1984, then later *Tumor Biology* in 1987, the journal enters the turn of the century celebrating 20 years of publication and is now in its 14th year with Karger Publishers. As the Official Journal of the ISOBM, *Tumor Biology* has gained significant impact in the scientific field during the last 5 years under the astute leadership and guidance of its Editor-in-Chief, Professor Sabine von Kleist.

Professor von Kleist has worked in the interest of *Tumor Biology* from the founding of the journal, first as an active editorial board member, later serving as Associate Editor, and then being selected by the ISOBM Society as the new journal Editor-in-Chief in 1995. Extending beyond the normal term, Professor von Kleist was asked to stay on longer as Editor-in-Chief in order to maintain the professional management for the editorial office and the broad spectrum of quality papers which she has attracted to *Tumor Biology*.

Having recently announced her retirement as Editor-in-Chief, all of us at Karger

Publishers who have enjoyed working closely with Professor von Kleist and the ISOBM Society over the past years extend our sincere thanks for her superb contribution in establishing such a good working harmony. Her dedication to *Tumor Biology* and her zeal to make the journal a leader in its field has been appreciated by all. We shall miss her fine character and staunch humor and we look forward to maintain our good relationship beyond her editorial task which now ends.

It is our pleasure to welcome Professor Torgny Stigbrand, Department of Immunology, Umeå University, Umeå, as the new Editor-in-Chief, and Dr. Phil Rye, Central Laboratory, The Norwegian Radium Hospital, Oslo, as the new Managing Editor of *Tumor Biology* as of 2000. It is our hope that this newly elected Editorial team will sustain the energy that Sabine von Kleist has given to *Tumor Biology* and guide it into the next millennium. We look forward to working together with both editors and the ISOBM Society towards this goal.

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