A New Decennium – A New Editor-in-Chief

This issue 6 of volume 62 of *Folia Phoniatria et Logopaedica* is the last one that is issued under my responsibility as Editor-in-Chief. For the next volumes, from volume 63 on in 2011, my successor, Dr. Gary Weismer, Madison, Wisc., will be the Editor-in-Chief.

After a period of 9 years, time has come to step down as the Editor-in-Chief of *Folia Phoniatria et Logopaedica*. The task of being responsible for the scientific contents of *Folia Phoniatria et Logopaedica* requires creativity, alertness for new developments and quite a broad knowledge of the field of communication disorders. *Folia Phoniatria et Logopaedica* is the official international scientific journal of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP). The Board appoints the Editor-in-Chief and I am grateful for having been appointed for three terms. I am also proud to have been able to contribute to the IALP, which association was already founded in 1923. Being a long-time Board Member in several positions I was close enough to hear the wishes of the Association.

Over the years in which I was Editor-in-Chief, the field changed; other journals were founded, so there was more competition. New journals usually appear to cover a more specific field, whereas *Folia Phoniatria et Logopaedica* still serves the whole broad field of phoniatrics and logopedics, now called often communication disorders.

I was proud to celebrate the 60-year anniversary of *Folia Phoniatria et Logopaedica*.

In a period where citation indices, impact factors, etc., are becoming more and more important, it is not easy to survive, but our journal did. In volume 60 we also entered a new era: along with an article on the history of phoniatrics, video files could be downloaded from the Karger server – a step towards a multimedia approach.

The journal will continue under the guidance of my successor, Dr. Gary Weismer. He has already served the journal as the Assistant Editor for Speech Motor Disorders.

The past 9 years were very interesting, but I could not have done this without the great help of a group of Assistant Editors and the excellent crew at the *Folia* office of Karger in Basel. From faxing manuscripts and reviews back and forth or sending manuscripts by surface mail, we went into the era of electronic submission and review. The transition was easy and very smooth, thanks to the staff in Basel. It was a great pleasure to work with you all: Assistant Editors and the very reliable *Folia* staff. Last but not least, all the honorary reviewers who spent time and great effort to maintain the scientific quality of *Folia Phoniatria et Logopaedica* must not be forgotten.

I liked very much doing this job, I enjoyed it and I hope that my successor will get the same satisfaction I got from it. Success Gary!

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