Respiration in the Next Decade

Dear Reader

The introduction of monthly issues in 2010 has proved successful, and as Editor-in-Chief I am especially proud that each issue has appeared perfectly on time, usually a couple of days before the first day of the corresponding month. As we still had a small publication lag between papers that had already been published on-line and the print version, Karger, the publishing house, has agreed to allow us to have a larger than average December issue, and for this I am very grateful. We thus have published quite a bit more this year, but will attempt to reduce the number of articles per issue again as the acceptance rate is being lowered (currently at 23% of all submissions).

Here Some Highlights

As announced in our Newsletter in July this year, *Respiration* is now the official journal of the Swiss Pulmonology Society: a heart-felt welcome: *Härzlich willkommen*, *Soyez les bienvenus*, *Benvenuti*, *Bainvegni* (for Swiss German, French, Italian, and Romansh, the four official languages of Switzerland). This alliance should profit both the society as well as the journal. The scope of *Respiration* will remain unchanged. We will continue to strive for excellence both in original scientific articles as well as in our three main educational sections: Review, What Is Your Diagnosis?, and Eye Catcher. *Respiration* will also continue to be the official journal of the European Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (EABIP), which – by the way – will host its first continen-

tal congress (ECBIP) in Marseille, France, from 10 to 12 March 2011. For details about EABIP and its activities, including its congress, please visit their website (www.eabip.org).

Editorial Board

In July we enlarged our scope with the addition of a new focus area of 'end-stage lung disease' headed by Prof. Annette Boehler from the University Hospital of Zürich. Potential contributors, please send us your papers in this area! We are happy to announce that we have been able to fill two important gaps in our editorial board. Prof. Nino Künzli and Dr. Amar Mehta in Basel have joined the board as specialists in epidemiology, and Dr. Xavier Basagana Flores in Barcelona has joined as a statistical consultant. A further new board member is Dr. Alfredo Chetta in Parma. A big thank you must go to all board members, and especially to all Associate Editors who help to make *Respiration* the excellent journal it is.

Thematic Review Series

The first series of 2011 is entitled: 'Epithelial Cell and Lung Cancer' with guest editors Prof. Christophe Doms and Prof. Peter Barnes, both long-standing board members of *Respiration*. An introduction to this exciting and very topical series follows this editorial.

As you can see, there is never a dull moment with our plans and vision for *Respiration*.

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