Publisher's Note

During the weeks following the unexpected passing away of Chris Bolliger, the day-to-day running of the editorial work depended much on the efforts of the Associate Editors and Editorial Board members. We received many spontaneous offers to support the journal and to provide extra effort. These cordial signs of loyalty are very much appreciated and in particular we would like to thank Professor Gene Colice, Washington, D.C. und Professor Stephan van Eeden, Vancouver, B.C. for their great help during the transition period.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Professor Felix J.F. Herth, Chairman and Head, Pneumology and Respiratory Care Medicine of the Thoraxklinik, University of Heidelberg, to *Respiration* as new Editor-in-Chief. Felix Herth has a long relationship with this journal. He already had his first encounter with *Respiration* many years ago as reviewer, later as an Editorial Board member and since 2010 as an Associate Editor; he has also contributed to its success and reputation as an author.

His vision, drive and enthusiasm will certainly ensure that the journal continues to prosper and grow in the future, and we look forward to a pleasurable, efficient and fruitful collaboration.

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