Editorial

The issue you are holding in your hands is the last one in my 17-year-long tenure as Editor-in-Chief of *Gynecologic and Obstetric Investigation*. During this period, exceptional growth and development have occurred in our speciality and continuous efforts have been made to cover all pertinent segments of gynecology and obstetrics. This rapid growth was also reflected by the steadily increasing number of submissions from major research groups throughout the world. To review and handle more than 200 contributions per annum would not have been possible without inestimable help and support from the Editors and all members of the distinguished Editorial Board. They have all helped me to form and if judged necessary, reform the policy of the journal. Rarely did an Editorial Board member ever decline to review a manuscript. To all of them I wish to express my deep felt thanks and appreciation.

Simultaneously, I will emphasize the never-failing interest and encouraging support I have received from

members of the Publishing House. They have always been open for suggested changes and have provided valuable advice at the same time leaving scientific matters at the discretion of the Editor. It has been a great pleasure to collaborate with them.

Now that the time has come to leave the torch to my two successors, Dr. Thomas D'Hooghe from Belgium and Dr. Jerome Yankowitz from the United States, I am confident that under the leadership of the new Editors our journal will be able to meet forthcoming challenges and will continue as a highly esteemed publication. It has a proud history and I am confident it will remain committed to the fundamental principles that have been its hallmarks, providing the high-quality, peer-reviewed articles expected by our readers and the rapid turnaround the authors seek.

I wish the new Editors all possible success for the years ahead.

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