Editorial

On behalf of the new Editorial Board, I would like to welcome all scientists, clinician-investigators and clinical researchers to the new American Journal of Nephrology. In its almost two decades of existence, the journal has been focusing on providing a cornucopia of topics in the field of Nephrology that extended across the gambit of bench research to case studies and small clinical studies. Over this same time period many other journals in the field of Nephrology have emerged and have established themselves as journals with specific areas of expertise in either clinical or basic research. In this highly competitive environment of research forums and the need to provide a forum of more focused research, the Editors have decided to take the journal in a new direction for its readership.

The new *American Journal of Nephrology* will focus on basic science aspects of Nephrology research rather than clinical case studies or clinical trials. Moreover, the journal has an entirely new electronic submission and review process. Any new articles should be submitted to:

www.rapidreview.com/AJN2/CALogon.jsp

Moreover, the turnaround time from acceptance to publication on the web will be four to six weeks and in printed format within two to four months. This will make

the *American Journal of Nephrology* a very fast, peer-reviewed journal.

Three category of articles will encompass the purview of the *American Journal of Nephrology*:

- a *Basic Science Original Reports (cell, molecular or animal research)*
- b *Patient-Oriented, Translational Research* dealing with mechanisms of disease or drug effects in man or animal models and
- c *Bench to Bedside Reviews* on a given topic which may be invited or submitted by a group or individual for review.

On behalf of the new Editorial Board, I would like to invite all authors, subscribers and readers to share in the renaissance being experienced by the *American Journal of Nephrology*. We hope you, like us, are happy with the direction the journal has taken and will give us a chance to review the 'fruits of your scientific work'.

All the best
George L. Bakris, MD
Editor-in-Chief