Editorial

With the publication of this issue of *Cells Tissues Organs*, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Stephen F. Badylak as an Associate Editor for Tissue Engineering. Dr. Badylak is currently a research professor in the Department of Surgery and director of the Center for Pre-Clinical Tissue Engineering within the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. He has served as the Chair of the Purdue University Tissue Engineering Advisory Board and has either chaired or been a member of the Scientific Advisory Board to several major medical device companies. He is a Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering and is a charter member of the Tissue Engineering Society International. He is also a member of the Society for Biomaterials and the International Society for Applied Cardiovascular Biology. Dr. Badylak's major research interests lie in tissue engineering and wound healing, biomaterials and biomaterial/tissue interactions, vascular biology, orthopedic biology and prostheses, and biomedical engineering as it relates to device development and biomaterials.

We believe that the appointment of Dr. Badylak to this position strengthens significantly the commitment of *Cells Tissues Organs* to the publication of high-quality basic research in tissue engineering, artificial organs, and in vitro systems which have been core areas of interest of the journal since its change of focus in 1999. We hope that all of our readers will join us in welcoming him.

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