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Since I became editor of *Human Heredity* 13 years ago, there have been changes on various fronts in science: Gene mapping has moved from rare mendelian to common complex diseases, we now have the complete DNA sequence of several organisms, and new research methods have been developed in different areas to address more complex questions. My collaborators and I have tried hard to keep the journal up to date and to publish relevant and important contributions. For example, we compiled special issues on current topics of high interest and, on the other hand, moved away from mutation reports. Being a good editor requires dedication and a good amount of time. I feel that the time has come to pass this task to a younger person. I am happy to announce that Dr. Marcella Devoto has kindly agreed to take over the editorship of the journal. With her long-term experience as an associate editor at other journals and as a competent scientist, she is uniquely qualified for this position. I would like to thank authors, associate editors and reviewers for their dedication to the journal and hope that they will continue their support of *Human Heredity* under new leadership.

Jürg Ott, Editor