Publisher's Note

Cardiology was first published in 1937, under the title *Cardiologia*. The chief Editors of the journal were Bruno Kisch, Cologne, and Wilhelm Löffler, Zurich. The Editorial Board was composed of prominent cardiologists from all parts of the world, and articles were published in German or French, Italian and English, and each paper had a summary in all languages.

The journal was founded right after Karger Publishers moved from Berlin to Basel, Switzerland, to escape persecution by the National Socialist government. To have undertaken such an endeavour despite the threat of war and an uncertain future shows Heinz Karger's determination to continue the work of the publishing house throughout all setbacks and financial difficulties.

In 1948 the journal became the official organ of the Swiss Cardiological Society and the Swedish Cardiological Society. The Dutch Cardiological Society followed in 1949, and the societies remained with the journal until 1968.

In 1962, after 25 years at the helm of *Cardiologia*, Bruno Kisch and Wilhelm Löffler retired, and the chief editorship passed to R. Hegglin, Zurich, and I. Mahaim, Lausanne. 1966 saw the retirement of I. Mahaim, and P.M. Galletti, Providence R.I., and P. Moret, Geneva, joined R. Hegglin as chief Editors.

In 1970, P.M. Galletti became the sole Editor. A number of changes followed, the most notable being the change in name to *Cardiology* and the switch to English as the sole language of publication. The Editors perceived that for a journal to achieve and maintain international recognition, it was necessary for it to be published in English only.

A special section on 'Exercise Testing and Rehabilitation in Cardiology' was introduced in 1977 with Jan Kellermann, Tel Aviv, as the Section Head, and when P.M. Galletti retired in 1980, he succeeded him as chief Editor. Under Jan Kellermann *Cardiology* quickly grew to a journal of high international reputation.

In 1991 he handed over his responsibilities to Joseph S. Alpert, Tucson, Ariz., who had joined the Editorial Board in 1986, and has run the journal since then. Joseph Alpert has continued to uphold and increase the journal's reputation. Excellent papers and a number of outstanding topic issues have been published, and he also introduced the Contest in Scientific Medical Writing, which enjoys a great success amongst fellows and junior faculty. We are grateful for the good and successful collaboration we have built up with him and Janet Frank (Editorial Assistant) over the years and have very much enjoyed working with both of them.

The year 2005 sees yet another change in the fortunes of *Cardiology*. Joseph Alpert has decided to retire and hand over his responsibilities to Jeffrey S. Borer, New York, N.Y., who has been on the Editorial Board since 1982. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Joseph Alpert for his untiring dedication to the journal, which has borne fruit in its continuing success and recognition in the community of cardiologists.

We welcome Jeffrey Borer in his new capacity as Editor-in-Chief and look forward to many more years of fruitful collaboration with him.

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