Editorial

The field of GI motility has observed two important opposing trends in the last decade. The first was the increase in the introduction of new evaluative techniques to assess GI motility. The second is the marked decrease in GI trainees' interest in pursuing a career in GI motility. The latter trend, if it continues, will eventually have a negative impact on the former trend. This is compounded by the limited introduction of new motility-related therapeutic modalities in the last decade. How to reconcile these two opposing trends is a matter that requires the immediate attention of the different GI societies and particularly the intervention of the neurogastroenterology and motility organizations.

The current issue of *Digestive Diseases* is dedicated to the aforementioned two opposing trends. Eamonn Quigley, MD, the President of the World Congress of Gastroenterology, and Henry P. Parkman, MD, the President of the American Motility Societies, provide their perspective on the academic, research and training opportunities in GI motility. The other topics covered by this issue provide information about new clinical and research developments in GI motility and functional bowel disorders. Motility experts address areas in GI motility that demonstrate promising new developments and that are likely to lead to better understanding and management of GI motility disorders.

The hope is that this issue will point to the renaissance that the GI motility field has enjoyed in recent years and thus to the unique career opportunities it can offer to academic-oriented gastroenterologists.

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