

## Editorial

# Face to face with basic and clinical research in Thrombosis and Haemostasis

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While entering the new year 2009 and opening volume 101 we would like to follow our tradition and inform all readers and authors about the ongoing and planned activities concerning *Thrombosis and Haemostasis* in its seventh independent year. On behalf of the entire editorial board and the editorial team we would like to express our appreciation for the continued interest and support of our readers, and particularly thank our dedicated referees who supported the editorial board in decision making and selection of excellent papers. We truly appreciate your engagement and count on your unbowed and timely reviewing activities in the future.

### Basic Science

Five "theme issue" series were published during 2008, organized by the following guest editors: "From Molecules to Medicine: New Horizons in Vascular Biology and Thrombosis" parts I and II (Klaus T. Preissner), "Current Use of Biologicals in Thrombosis and Haemostasis" (Frederick A. Ofose and Trevor W. Barrowcliffe), "New Vitamin K-dependent Proteins" (Omor Benzaour), "Cell Signaling Upstream and Downstream of PAI-1" (Peter Andreasen and Thomas Kietzmann). For the coming year 2009, several new theme issue series are planned, including "Thrombotic Microangiopathies" (Peter F. Zipfel, Gunter Wolf, Karim Kentouche and Joachim Misselwitz), "Frontiers in Vascular Biology" (Levon Khachigian, Michael Berndt and Karlheinz Peter), "Cardiopulmonary System" (Werner Seeger, Andreas Zeiher, Thomas Braun and Klaus T. Preissner), "Immuno-Regulation in Vascular Biology" (Christian Weber), "Heparinoids: Presence and Future" (Job Harenberg and Benito Casu), all of which will contain edge-of-science contributions and receive broad attention by our readers.

### Clinical Research

Volume 100 saw the introduction of a Deputy Editor-in-Chief/Clinical Studies for *Thrombosis and Haemostasis* with the ap-

pointment of Prof. Gregory Lip to this post. We have introduced "Clinical Focus" and "Pro/Contra" articles, as well as commissioned review articles with a greater slant towards the clinical aspects of thrombosis. In general, we hope that you – our readership – have liked the new changes and more importantly, seen the length, breath and diversity of the many clinical aspects of haemostasis, thrombosis and vascular biology.

The year 2009 will again bring additional topics on the clinical front: We have planned "Open Theme Issues" on clinical thrombosis, where original manuscripts are very welcome as well. Case Reports have been a long feature in our journal, which illustrate the diversity of clinical experience. However, from 2009, we shall categorise these submissions as 'Letters to the Editor' and due to space considerations, we would very much like to confine the publication of cases to those that are unusual or truly unique case reports that would advance our understanding of the field.

We remain very positive and optimistic with the journal, and sincerely hope that you would continue to send us your best work – in return, we promise a fast "turn around" and high standards of peer review and visibility.

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