

Welcome to a new year in *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*

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A Happy New Year to everyone from everyone at *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*! With the new year we see new challenges and some changes in the journal.

Since we took over as Editors-in-Chief two years ago (how time flies, when one enjoys the work!) (1), we have seen a much broader scope for the journal, as well as healthy linkage of the journal to various societies, including European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Thrombosis and the ESC Working Group on Atherosclerosis & Vascular Biology and Società Italiana per lo Studio dell'Emostasi e della Trombosi (SISSET).

In the last year, we have been striving hard to ensure better manuscripts are published (2–4), faster turnaround of papers with more emphasis on priority ranking, and this has led to a higher rejection rate.

Given these initial priorities when we took over (1), we were delighted to see our Impact Factor 2010 for T&H rise to 4.701. Our time to first editorial decision has also shortened to 23 days. Thus, our first challenge for 2012 is to build on our successes, and ensure high quality science (both basic and clinical) for the journal.

A fresh editorial board brings new ideas and outlooks, and on this basis we extend a warm welcome to our new international, multidisciplinary Section Editors, from 2012. We wish our new editorial colleagues

every success in their new roles (see ► Table 1).

We also say goodbye to Prof. Benzakour, Prof. Heller, Prof. Karch, Prof. Kieffer, Prof. Muszbek, and Prof. Szczeklik. We sincerely thank them for all their hard work on the journal as Section Editors and best regards for their future endeavours.

As with any scientific journal, T&H truly appreciates the great efforts of all reviewers and we would like to mention here our top five reviewers in 2011: Dirk Sib-

bing, Francesco Dentali, Juan Jose Badimon, Bernd Jilma and Victor Serebruany. Our sincere thanks to them, and to all our many hardworking reviewers!

Our Theme Issues remain a great success. In 2012, some new exciting theme issues are either in preparation or planned (see ► Table 2). We would be very keen to receive proposals and/or even volunteers to act as Guest Editors for a particular Theme Issue.

Table 1: Our new international, multidisciplinary Section Editors, from 2012.

Name of new Section editor	Location	Fields of expertise
Prof. Hugo ten Cate	Netherlands	Arterial thrombosis, clinical studies, disseminated intravascular coagulation, hypercoagulability, inflammation
Prof. Ben Freedman	Australia	Inflammation and thrombosis in coronary artery disease, secondary prevention after heart attack
Prof. Andreas Greinacher	Germany	Platelet immunology, Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, coagulation disorders
Prof. Philip De Groot	Netherlands	Flow systems, platelet adhesion, endothelium
Prof. Elaine Hylek	USA	Bleeding, anticoagulation, new drugs
Dr. Thomas Renné	Sweden	Contact phase, plasma kallikrein, kininogen
Prof. Vanessa Roldán	Spain	Oral anticoagulation, gene polymorphisms
Prof. Francesco Violi	Italy	Vascular medicine
Dr. Andrew Weyrich	USA	Platelet physiology, platelet immunology, monocytes, sepsis

Table 2: Theme Issues either in preparation or planned for 2012.

Guest editors	Title	Planned publication
Andreas Schober Thomas Thum Alma Zerneck	MicroRNA and vascular diseases	February 2012
Irene Lang	Scoring in thrombotic cardiovascular disease	March 2012
Jozef Dulak Tomasz Guzik	EVBVM 2011	June 2012
Irene Lang	CTEPH 2011	August 2012
Manfred Schmitt	4th International Kallikrein Symposium	November 2012
Christian Weber Klaus Preissner Hellmut Augustin Ingrid Fleming	IVBM 2012	February 2013

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Will anything else change? Change is not simply for change's sake, and sometimes a winning formula works, and needs to be built upon. Nonetheless, we have introduced "T&H Insights" – a new form of editorial focussing on basic science articles (approx. 100–300 words in length with not more than 2–3 accompanying references);

the first such article appears in this issue (4).

Finally, from January 1, 2012 the Editorial Office is moving from Aachen to its new address in Munich. Our editorial assistant Irina Moshkova, will relocate to the Institute for Cardiovascular Prevention, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU)

München – but this would not impact on her great efficiency and more importantly, keeping the two Editors-in-Chief and Section Editors on the straight and narrow!

On behalf of the entire editorial staff including Dr. Elinor Switzer (Stuttgart), Irina Moshkova (Munich, formerly Aachen), Dr. Andrea Schürg (Publisher's office in Stuttgart) and Dieter Bergemann (Publisher, Stuttgart), we would like to once again express our sincere thanks to you, the readers of *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*.

We very much appreciate your support and hope that the coming year will be a successful and productive one for you and your colleagues. We look forward to seeing even more submissions of your work to our journal. On our part, we promise you efficient turnaround and high quality peer review, as well as visible profile in our journal.

Memories from the ISTH Congress 2011 in Kyoto

In 2011 *Thrombosis and Haemostasis* welcomed two new section Editors from Japan, and our last Editorial Board meeting took place in Kyoto at the ISTH meeting (see Figures).

Placing the picture of a Japanese garden on our cover we would like once again to recall our unforgettable impressions and wish the Japanese people strength in their ongoing effort to recover after the tragic events in early 2011.



A rather busy T&H booth at the exhibition area of the ISTH in Kyoto.



T&H Editor-in-Chief (Basic Science) Christian Weber presenting Section Editor Walter Ageno with a small token of appreciation for his excellent support of T&H in the past year.



T&H Editorial Board meeting in Kyoto.

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