

Amanda V. Godsell

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While on vacation in Florida, our Managing Editor of *VCOT*, Amanda Godsell, unexpectedly passed away on November 18, 2008. We have lost one of our most dear and loyal members of the *VCOT* team. Many of you, at least our authors and referees, will have known her, either by phone or email contact. We are sure that all of you will remember her as an always friendly and helpful person who tried to immediately solve each problem an author, referee or member of the editorial board might encounter during the publishing process of *VCOT*.

When Amanda started working for Schattauer in January 2004, we got to know her as a young British lady with excellent knowledge in German and – most important to us – with a superb feeling for the English language. Thus, she not only ameliorated many of the *VCOT* articles written by non-native (and even native) speakers, but soon became the central contact person for all Schattauer employees whenever good English style was important. And she always managed to help her colleagues – besides her own duties – in her own calm, friendly and pleasant way.

And Amanda had many duties. She not only was the Managing Editor of *VCOT*, but furthermore acted as Advertisement Manager for another Schattauer journal, *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*. Here she additionally was involved as Deputy Manag-

ing Editor whenever her colleague, Elinor Switzer, was out of the office. Amanda was the central point when we planned and introduced our electronic manuscript submission system, ManuscriptCentral, for *VCOT*. The transition from the old traditional way of submitting and reviewing manuscripts via post or email to this highly sophisticated electronic system surely would not have been as smooth as it was for all of us without her amicable help to everyone. Being well-trained with computers, she herself very rapidly got familiar with all the features of the new system so she could be a reliable source of help. And she indeed liked to help “her” authors or referees personally instead of pointing at impersonal FAQ sections. Without making a big fuss of it, she efficiently resolved their problems or concerns.

In that way we will always remember her: as a charming, friendly and helpful colleague who did not make too much words of her job which she managed in an excellent way. For many of us she became a true friend. We will miss her.

*Andrea Schürg and Elinor Switzer
(for Schattauer Publishers)*

*Kenneth Johnson
(Editor-in-Chief VCOT)*

*Geoff. Sumner-Smith
(Emeritus Editor-in-Chief VCOT)*



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