

Laura Bremer joins VCOT as Managing Editor

We are fortunate with this issue of VCOT to have the opportunity to introduce Ms Laura Bremer who recently joined Schattauer Publishers in Stuttgart in the role as the in-house Managing Editor for our Journal, following the void left by the very sad passing of Amanda Godsell. Laura is a native of Chicago and has graduated with degrees in marketing, accounting and international business. In addition to her mother tongue English, she speaks German and Swedish. By our good fortune, she has lived in Germany since September 2007 and has a background in advertising.

As with all journals, the success and reputation of VCOT are founded on the scientific quality of papers that are published. All papers that are submitted for publication must successfully negotiate the peer review process, and be recommended for publication by a majority of opinion of the referees who are invited to give their evaluations. Of course there are many steps along the way in this process, starting first with the logistics of uploading the manuscript to Manuscript Central. Providing assistance to authors with this sometimes frustrating process is just one of Laura's roles. She also ensures that sub-

mitted manuscripts meet our formatting requirements, and that they pass through the review process in a timely manner. Once our referees are satisfied with the scientific quality of a submitted manuscript, it is carefully copy-edited by her to ensure that the grammatical expression, spelling, reference formatting and so forth are correct. Copyright assignments, image files and galley proof corrections are also handled by Laura, prior to each new issue going off to the printers. In addition, she is also the liaison person with each of the societies who have chosen VCOT as their house journal.

All this work that goes on 'behind the scenes' at our publishers is critical in the lead up to the eventual delivery of each issue of VCOT to your mailbox. I want to warmly welcome Laura Bremer to our VCOT team; I am very confident that our interaction will be a fruitful collaboration in elevating VCOT to even greater success.



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