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## EDITORIAL

### Looking backward and forward



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It is the time of year when we have the opportunity to look backward and forward. 2010 saw an exciting International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Executive Board meeting in Tanzania, and we are pleased to present some of the proceedings in this issue. The President of FIGO and the Executive Officers have begun a series of meetings of the Executive Board in low-income countries so that the Board members representing constituent societies from around the world can become more aware of the varied challenges and opportunities faced by so many of our professional colleagues, and plans are already underway for a 2011 Executive Board meeting in another low-income country.

2011 is also a time when the *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics* (IJGO) will look forward to the use of enabling technologies; for example, the new Associate Editor for Enabling Technologies, Doctor Maya Hammoud, will explore possibilities such as posting videos on the journal website. As the IJGO becomes more electronic and web-based in its activities, the Editorial Office will try to use more interactive materials, in addition to considering the use of social-networking websites, to disseminate information. Authors are encouraged to send supplementary material that can be hosted on the journal website.

FIGO is also looking forward—with excitement—to 2012 for the triennial FIGO Congress, which will be held in Rome. The Scientific Advisory Committee and others are planning an excellent meeting, and it is hoped that you will attend. The IJGO will host a booth and sponsor publication workshops at the Congress.

Once again, the demographics of the IJGO indicate that it is achieving many of its goals—with 1034 submissions in 2010 at the time of writing representing an impressive and steady increase from previous years. Furthermore, from 2009 to 2010, the Editorial team was assisted by 684 reviewers from around the world, thus successfully expanding the journal's international corps of reviewers.

We welcome Doctor Vincent Boama as the new Co-Editor of Contemporary Issues in Women's Health, joining Professor Richard Adanu in this interesting and important section. As always, we solicit comments from our readers but we especially solicit submissions, which we promise will be treated with care and attention by the Editorial team and reviewers. The IJGO would not be what it is without its authors, reviewers, and Editorial Board—and the Editorial Office, in London, and I, in Michigan, thank them for all that they do to make our journal a success.

Best wishes for a happy and successful 2011!

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