

## EDITORIAL

## Fifty years new

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With the January 2019 issue, we begin our tenure as joint Editors in Chief of the *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis*. We are honored to take the reins for this outstanding journal from the capable hands of Pieter Reitsma and Frits Rosendaal, who, like their predecessors (Pier Mannucci, Mike Greaves and David Lane) have maintained high standards for the Journal while implementing several innovative features.

By coincidence, 2019 also marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH)—the society that owns this journal. The past fifty years have seen extraordinary accomplishments in our field, a number of which have had profound impact on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of thrombosis and bleeding disorders. Throughout the coming year, ISTH will be highlighting the many breakthroughs in our field as well as the remaining challenges. The latter point is especially important, since thrombosis is still a major contributor to global disease burden worldwide. Meeting that challenge will require robust basic and clinical research, the hallmark of what the ISTH community does best.

Changes in biomedical research are happening at an increasing pace, and this is also true (or perhaps, *especially* true) for scientific publishing. Everything in our field is becoming ever more global, ever more electronic, and, it seems, ever faster. As we take over the editorship during these interesting times, we look forward to building on the Journal's current strengths. Recent innovations introduced by Pieter Reitsma and Frits Rosendaal that we will keep, include the use of methodologic reviewers for clinical studies (that added an important

dimension of rigor to the peer review process), and popular features such as “What the Neighbors Say” and “Neighborhood Watch.” Not surprisingly, we plan to introduce some changes to the Journal to keep it modern—some cosmetic, and some substantive. A major goal is to greatly streamline the process of submitting articles to the Journal. Some of these changes will be rolled out over the next few months (and announced later), while others are being implemented immediately. Current changes include:

- *Format-free submission of articles:* For the first submission of a paper, we encourage authors to submit a single PDF containing all the text and figures. As long as all the relevant parts of the paper are there, it will not be necessary to format the paper, references, etc. precisely for this journal. If the article is sent out for peer review and we decide to request revisions, we will ask the authors to format their paper at that point. We are also working to reduce the amount of information authors must enter in the journal's web site during initial manuscript submission.
- *Changes to authors' names:* We will include the given names of authors (not just initials). We have also removed the restriction on the number of authors on regular papers, and the restriction on co-first or co-senior (corresponding) authors.
- *Word count:* The word limit for regular articles is raised from 4000 to 5000 words.
- *Color images:* The cost for color figures is eliminated.

We welcome suggestions from readers and authors on how to improve the *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis*. Together with our team of editors and staff, we look forward to delivering outstanding scientific and educational information to our readers.