

From the countries of famous cavalry and famous gauchos: Smooth transition to the international world of cardiology

Dear Friends, This is a special moment in the evolution of the Cardiology Journal, which, while going through a change of the Editor-in-Chief, will continue with its established work based on education and scientific dissemination.

Previous Editor-in-Chief, my colleague, Professor Wojciech Zaręba, has done an outstanding job with the Journal, from 2006 till now. His most important accomplishments were: increasing Journal's visibility, securing its place in Medline and in the Thomson Reuters index. As the Editor-in-Chief, Wojciech encouraged all of us with his enthusiasm and energy, always acting as if it was the first day of his tenure.

Since 2006, Wojciech has been performing this difficult task, with his continuous success, contributing significantly to the overall knowledge-base in cardiology. As he has completed his term, I would particularly like to acknowledge Wojciech for his tremendous work and devotion to the Journal. His ideas, creativity, and vision has contributed to the success of the Cardiology Journal.

After all these successful years, Professor Zaręba has decided to move on, and invited me, in agreement with Via Medica, the publisher, to serve as the Editor-in-Chief, and I am deeply honored to accept it. I will follow Professor's Zaręba intense activity, and work to maintain the standards of the scientific excellence, make the Journal more international, and increase its impact in the scientific community.

Starting this new period, there have been some changes to the Journal: a new website has been created to make it more professional, friendly, and attractive to the visitors in general, and especially to those submitting articles. Open access will be closed in several countries, and some medical companies will be invited to support the open access in some of those countries. There also have been some modifications to the board structure, starting with the creation of a new position of Deputy Editors which will consist



On the left: past Editor-in-Chief, W. Zaręba, on the right: present Editor-in-Chief, S. Dubner

of a number of internationally well-known colleagues and experts in different fields of cardiology who will work very closely with me. In the near future, based on the anticipated increase in papers received, they will manage a part of the review process.

In order to make the Editorial Board more flexible and active, all previous Section Editors are now the Associate

Editors or members of the Scientific Board. We will appreciate collaboration with all existing and new reviewers. I have also created a new position of the Editorial Secretary who will help me with everyday scientific activities. Finally, I have requested that Professor Zaręba continue his participation as the Past Editor-in-Chief.

I would like to congratulate all the new and old members of the board, as well as all the reviewers, who will accompany me through my tenure as the Editor-in-Chief, and deeply thank all those members who have already ended their participation in the Journal for the activities they have performed and their personal efforts.

As we are moving forward to this new period, I would like to extend my thanks to Wojciech and Grażyna Zaręba and all the members of the board. I hope to have the continued support from all of them as we open new roads and tackle new challenges to the Journal. I welcome the submission of many excellent papers and collaboration of many outstanding authors and reviewers to elevate our Journal to an even higher level.

Last but not least, a special thanks to the Via Medica team. I deeply appreciate their warm welcome and friendship. My local collaborators in Gdańsk, Poland: Janusz Popaszkiewicz and Łukasz Stolarczyk (Via Medica founders), and also Joanna Niezgoda, Publisher's Editor and Katarzyna Kałużna, Editor's Secretary; and all the individuals who work behind the scenes but are so necessary to the success of the Journal. I look forward to working with all of you.

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