

## Letter from the Editor

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Due to personal and professional reasons I must now turn over the leadership of the *Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation* to Hermie Hermens Ph.D. Dr. Hermens has worked extensively in the area of non-invasive EMG, movement analysis and spasticity in such rehabilitation diagnoses as stroke and cerebral palsy. He is also an educator and mentor working at the University of Twente in the Netherlands. I have every expectation that he will lead the Journal onward, and I am especially optimistic that he will continue to expand the international flavor of our publication.

We have accomplished a lot in my tenure as Editor-in-Chief, and I am proud to have worked with the editorial board and all of the fine authors that have submitted to the journal. We were the first journal to offer an all electronic review format, and under the expert administration of Karen Dutro this is now working flawlessly. We have seen a steady increase in the number and quality of manuscripts submitted and with your help, our loyal readers, will continue to improve the quality and quantity of science that are published. The *Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation* is one of the very few journals that will still publish pilots and case reports, and will continue to serve as a vital forum for these important communications. In these darkest days of interdisciplinary rehabilitation, we are proud to be one of the last remaining organs for this type of manuscript, and with luck will survive to see resurgence in the interdisciplinary method in all aspects of rehabilitation medicine.

As always, it is important for you to keep the Journal in mind as you go forward in publishing your manuscripts, and to serve as our ambassador amongst your colleagues and friends who are seeking a forum for pain and rehabilitation research. We also hope to continue providing high quality and topical reviews of rehabilitation subjects, case reports, brief reports and pilot studies.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your Editor, and with Dr. Hermens as the Editor-in-Chief, I will continue to serve at his pleasure as the American Section Editor. I hope in this role to begin to recruit more manuscripts from the South American continent. As always I will try to continue to enhance the excellent manuscripts we have received and continue to receive from our North American colleagues.

Yours in Science,

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