

Editorial

Starting with the first issue of Volume 11, I will serve as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Vestibular Research*, with Dr. Robert Schor as my Associate Editor. Together, we hope to reorganize the Journal so that it can continue to provide a scientific forum for those investigators interested in all aspects of both normal and abnormal vestibular function.

The *Journal of Vestibular Research* owes its origin to Dr. Ralph Jell and Dr. Desmond Ireland, who deserve enormous credit for having created the first international publication dedicated to research in both the basic and clinical aspects of vestibular function. Drs. Jell and Ireland have graciously agreed to serve as Editors Emeritus.

The *Journal of Vestibular Research* had an organizational structure composed of Section Editors each of whom were responsible for one of several thematic areas. Each of the former Section Editors deserves our thanks for maintaining the quality of the Journal through the peer-review process.

The organizational structure of the Journal will now

be centralized with the editorial office in Pittsburgh and an Editorial Board comprised of six members who, as a group, represent geographic diversity and have expertise that spans the basic and clinical aspects of vestibular research. With this team of dedicated individuals, we plan to institute several new editorial policies, including a rapid review process that employs modern electronic methods and the encouragement of the submission of manuscripts from young investigators and of reports in emerging scientific areas. Also, we will publish special issues to focused topics from scientific symposia.

IOS Press, the publisher of the *Journal of Vestibular Research*, has promised us its continued support and has advised us that the Journal has just become accessible electronically. With the help of IOS Press, the new Editorial Board hopes to reinvigorate the *Journal of Vestibular Research* and to improve its status as an international forum for scientific communication.

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